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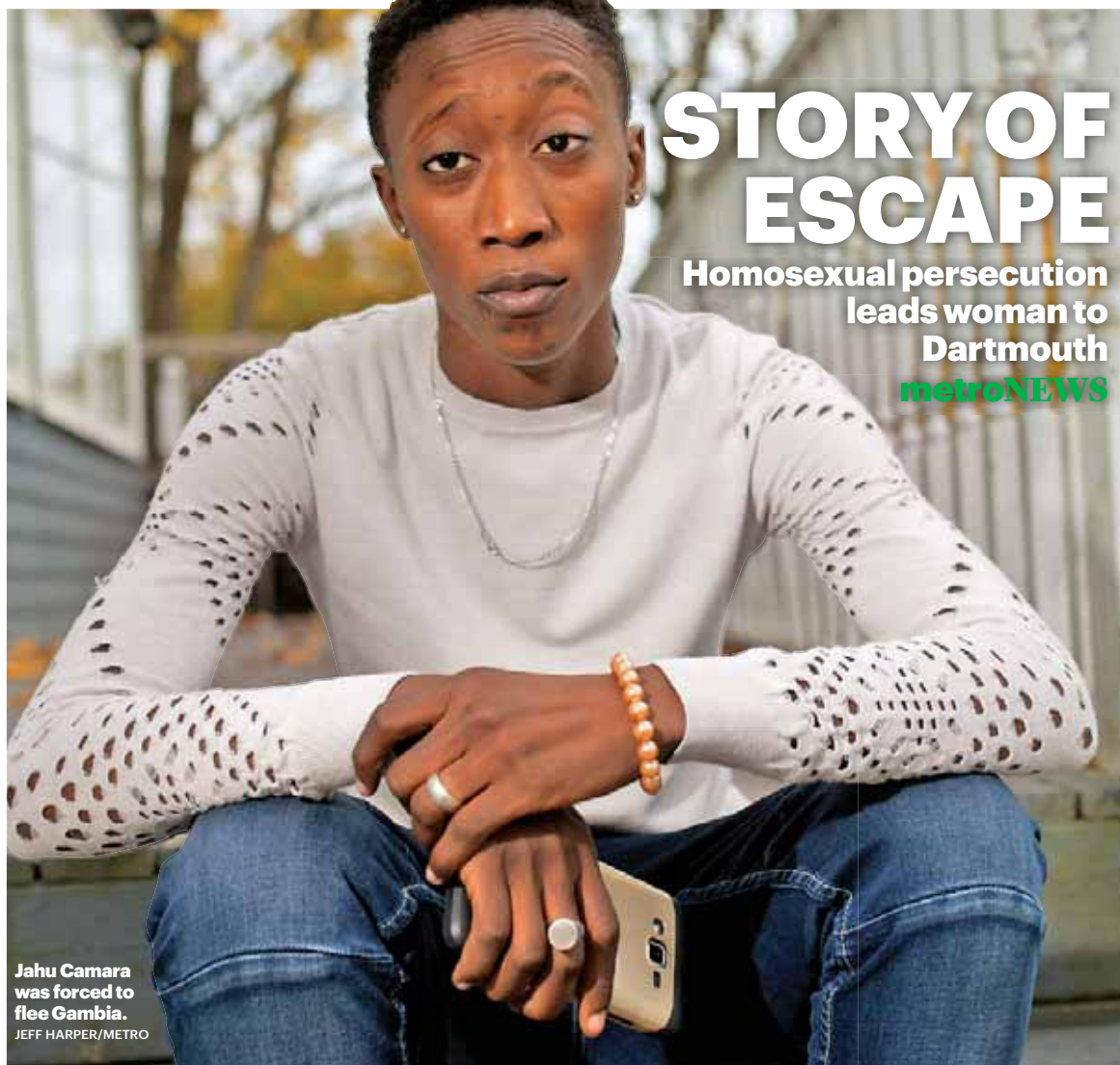


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'He lost it, and he killed her'

MURDER TRIAL Closing arguments given in Paul Calnen trial



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The jury will start its deliberations in the murder trial for Paul Calnen on Thursday, after the defence said in its closing argument that there was no evidence to find its client guilty of murder.

Calnen, 52, is charged with second-degree murder in the 2013 killing of his girlfriend, Reita Jordan, 34. At the start of the trial, Calnen pleaded guilty to a second charge of indecently interfering with human remains — in this case, burning the body.

On Wednesday, the jury heard hour-long closing arguments from the Crown and defence.

Crown attorney Rick Woodburn argued Calnen's actions after Jordan's death were enough to show he was responsible for it,

and he urged the jury to disregard Calnen's version of events.

"In the Crown's theory he lost it, and he killed her," he said in court.

"He had no problem lying to her mother, her friends and police. Do you think he has any problem lying to the police again about what happened to Jordan, about her falling down the stairs? You decide."

Defence attorney Peter Planetta argued the Crown's case just dressed up evidence of Calnen's actions after Jordan's death — which he admitted were "reprehensible" — in an effort to distract the jury.

"It's woefully weak," Planetta said of the Crown's case. "You've been provided none of the evidence that you would expect in a murder trial."

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Justice James Chipman will continue his instructions to the jury Thursday morning before it begins its deliberations.

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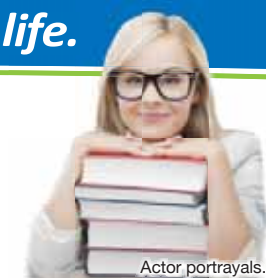


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Response to bomb threat appropriate, says RCMP

AIR FRANCE

Flight destined for Paris was diverted to Halifax airport



Haley Ryan
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The Halifax airport and local RCMP say an Air France plane being diverted here due to a bomb threat shows they can handle a potentially dangerous situation.

Just a few minutes before 10 p.m. Tuesday night, the air control tower at Halifax Stanfield International Airport got a call from Flight 055 from Washington to Paris, said airport spokeswoman Ashley Gallant.

The plane's crew said they needed to land unexpectedly in Halifax, Gallant said, but didn't explain why. Police were called and the plane landed around 10:15 p.m., she added.

"We don't really get the details until it all unfolds," Gallant said. "We treat that situation as if it was a valid threat."

The 262 passengers and crew were taken off the plane and driven to the airport in shuttles and Halifax Transit buses about 15 minutes later, Gallant said.

Half an hour after that, the passengers were through customs and put up in a hotel, Gal-



An Air France jet sits on the runway at Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Wednesday. There were a total of 262 passengers on the flight travelling to Paris from Washington, D.C. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

lant said, until they were set to fly out at 3:45 a.m. on Thursday.

Although the recent Paris attacks have everybody on "high alert," Gallant said airport staff are well trained and conduct drills with agencies such as the Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP.

"It's just a matter of thinking about putting that into action," she said.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Const. Mark Skinner said Wednesday nine of their members, including those at the airport detachment, and three Halifax Regional Police officers responded with two bomb-sniffing dogs.

They searched the plane, cargo area, and carry-on luggage, Skinner said, declaring around 3:15 a.m. that there was nothing explosive on board.

"We're able to formulate a risk-assessment based on all the other factors we have," Skinner said.

"Based on the situation, I think we had an appropriate response."

Skinner said although they found no bomb, the RCMP take all threats seriously and are continuing to investigate.

"Certainly you kind of start thinking the worst but we always

hope for the best," Skinner said.

"We called in those partner agencies, we worked together in an expedient and diligent manner."

Gallant said the main runway was closed until 4:15 a.m. while the RCMP looked through the Air France plane, but the secondary runway stayed open and flights came and went with no impact on schedules.

REACTIONS

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I think, given what happened in France over the last couple of days, security will be more strict than usual.

Frank Mather

“

I think it was the best option for the crew; they couldn't continue if there was any risk of having a bomb.

Genevieve Lapeyre

“

It's frightening, a little scary. I'm a little stressed out about travelling now, especially going to Paris.

Nancy Reed

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If there's a threat that something may happen to the plane, I think I'd rather come to Halifax for the night than risk my plane exploding over the Atlantic.

Frank Mather

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HOLIDAYS KEEPING WITH TRADITION Crowds gather in Grand Parade as the Nova Scotia Mass Choir sings during the annual send-off of the Nova Scotia Tree to Boston on Wednesday. Every year Nova Scotia sends a Christmas tree to Boston as a thank you for the help they provided during the Halifax Explosion. JEFF HARPER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Committee predicts 2016 elections to cost \$2.2M

A city committee has approved withdrawing \$2.2 million from Halifax's bank accounts in to order pay for the 2016 municipal and school board elections.

The request, tabled in a staff report during Wednesday's audit and finance standing committee, lists the costs associated with the elections, including the price of polling stations and staff training, the production and mailing of voter registration cards, as well as advertising for the elections.

When questioned on the cost increase compared to the 2012 civic election, a municipal clerk said the increase factored in the larger size of the electorate, the demand for more accessibility and cost of postage.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Budget increase approved for harbour turf installation

A \$1.6-million bump in the budget to build a new all-weather turf in Cole Harbour was given the go-ahead Wednesday.

Halifax's audit and finance standing committee approved the increase,

which is still pending final approval from regional council.

The price increase was sought after a detailed costing of the project revealed it would cost upwards of \$3.9 million, not the estimated \$2.3 million, to install the new turf.

Mayor Mike Savage said this is only the latest of numerous city projects to be incorrectly costed, noting a recent infrastructure redevelopment in Cow Bay and the demolition of the former St. Pat's High School as examples.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

City to revise land-use laws

DEVELOPMENT

Current structure called 'inconsistent' and 'complex'



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The city is looking to cut some of the red tape around development in Halifax, slowly but surely.

On Wednesday, HRM Major Projects Planner Carl Purvis asked the city's audit and finance standing committee for approval to embark on the first phase of a multi-year study to simplify the municipality's myriad of land use bylaws.

These bylaws regulate and control how land is used within a municipality, which governs how buildings are developed.

Staff said the study would cost \$120,000.

Purvis said the municipality is currently governed by 22 land use bylaws from pre-amalgamation days.

"It's a very complex structure," Purvis told Wednesday's committee.

"The complexity adds to confusion, the complexity adds to the processing times," saying that a significant amount of staff and council time is tied up to managing the volume of



The city is considering simplifying land-use bylaws required for things like the Nova Centre in downtown Halifax. METRO FILE

amendments sought.

A staff report says that under the current system, there are many inconsistencies between definitions, measurements and regulations, which creates administrative headaches for city planners.

"The idea is to reduce the amount of complexity, and to simplify the overall process, so that landowners and residents can better understand what their development rights are, what (is) the potential zone on a site, and the rules that apply," Purvis said afterwards.

Most councillors on the committee agreed the overhaul is long overdue.

"You had me at the title 'land-use bylaw simplification,'" Coun. Barry Dalrymple said.

"It's a nightmare for our

planners, it certainly is for councillors. I can't even imagine being a developer."

Mayor Mike Savage also cited the importance of streamlining the process in order to ensure the city can keep up to the pace with the development community.

Purvis said the overall review will be a complex undertaking, with the first stage requiring that a consultant be hired to determine how HRM could redivide and effectively reduce the number of bylaws.

+ APPROVAL

The committee gave the study the go-head, but is pending final approval by regional council.

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Gambian lesbian refugee finds home in Halifax



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After being in Halifax for a month, Jahu Camara says she still feels in a dream.

Sitting at a wooden table, the 20-year-old Gambian woman looks down at the sleeves of her white shirt as she talks quietly, glancing up to break into a wide smile at the mention of her partner or playing soccer.

Camara arrived in Halifax on Oct. 15, after fleeing The Gambia due to persecution for being a lesbian, and filing as a refugee in neighbouring Senegal.

"Being a homosexual in The Gambia is a deadly act," Camara said Wednesday in the Dartmouth home where she's temporarily living with a local family.

This summer, the Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia (RRANS) filed to sponsor Camara as their first female refugee when they saw her profile on a "visa office referred program" list, said spokeswoman Corrie Melanson.

Stepping off the plane in Halifax

seemed like entering a different world, Camara said.

"If I remember where I am from, and where I am, it's just like a dream," she said.

Camara said there was a point in 2014 when police began arresting gay and lesbian people in The Gambia, so she made the decision to leave her family, including 10 siblings, that October.

Her Muslim family knows about her sexuality, Camara said, and while her mother and aunt accept her, "not 100 per cent" of them do, but are happy to know she is safe.

Some of Camara's friends were arrested for homosexuality but released this March, which she said is "lucky."

"If you are not lucky, no one will know your whereabouts because you receive every kind of torturing there," Camara said.

Many of her friends are now in Senegal where it's "much safer" than The Gambia, Camara said, but you can still only be open in places like clubs.

It was not easy to hide who she is and her real feelings, Camara said, but added with a smile that her British partner is planning to visit Halifax in December and maybe work for a time.

Besides continuing her education in information technology, Camara said she'd love to play soccer in Halifax and will likely live here for a year — or "forever" if she loves it.



Jahu Camara, shown here on Wednesday, has now settled in Dartmouth after fleeing persecution in her native country, The Gambia. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"We don't want to forget those 80-some countries where people will face persecution ... on a pretty serious level."

Corrie Melanson,
Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia

IN BRIEF

Ferry bell stolen from Princess Arcadia

Halifax police are asking for the public's help in finding a missing bell from the Princess Acadia ferry.



Police say officers responded to a report that the bell from the Princess Acadia had been stolen while the ferry was docked in Dartmouth on Sept. 28.

The ship had been retired, with a number of items from the ship, including the bell, had been turned over to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Anyone with information on the missing bell is asked to contact police.

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Arrest made in high-energy theft

New Glasgow police have arrested an 18-year-old man in connection with a break-in at a New Glasgow convenience store.

New Glasgow Regional Police responded early Tuesday to a break-in at Big Al's Convenience.

Preliminary investigation determined that a male person entered the building through the west wall and stole a large quantity of energy drinks.

A man was arrested by 11:30 p.m. that night.

A Pictou County man has been charged with break and entering and mischief.

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IN BRIEF

Commercial lobster season starts soon

'Tis the season in south-western Nova Scotia. It's that time of the year when another commercial lobster season will soon be getting underway.

Unless delayed by weather, the lobster season in lobster fishing area (LFA) 34 — which takes in all of Yarmouth County and parts of Shelburne and Digby counties — kicks off the last Monday of November. This year opening day is Nov. 30.

Opening day is also known as dumping day. It's the day captains and their crews leave wharfs at 6 a.m. in this fishing district to dump their traps at sea, hoping for good catches when they haul them back up. TC MEDIA

Harbourfront complex planned in Cape Breton

Cape Breton Regional Municipality councillors have approved a land-use strategy change that paves the way for a proposed \$10-million residential-commercial harbourfront complex.

A public hearing into the request by Breton Law Group on behalf of Harbour Royale Development Ltd. held at Tuesday's monthly council meeting went smoothly.

Councillors then voted in favour of the proposed amendments to the north end Sydney secondary planning strategy and land-use bylaw that were required if the development is to go ahead.

The proposal by Marty Chernin would see the construction of an 11-storey, mixed-use complex overlooking the harbour at the corner of Dorchester Street and the Esplanade in downtown Sydney. TC MEDIA

Funding formula needs work

AUDITOR GENERAL

Universities may face huge deficits if it's left unchanged

The funding formula for Nova Scotia's 10 universities hasn't been updated since 2011 and is based on old enrolment data, the province's auditor general warned in his fall report released Wednesday.

Michael Pickup said because the formula is based on enrolment, which changes over time, the Department of Labour and Advanced Education is concerned potential changes could mean less money for schools with enrolment decreases.

Pickup said a new funding al-

location formula is being worked on, although the department says the implications for those universities which could receive less funding are "very serious."

He said a number of variables have to be considered given that things such as the number of buildings a school has don't necessarily change because enrolment dips.

"What they (government) are really trying to do is make structural changes so that universities are in good financial situations, so as to be sustainable."

The report also says most university funding is provided without any accountability to the province on how the money is spent.

Pickup said that's significant because the government has said universities could face a \$50 million operating deficit by

2018 if there isn't change that is sustainable.

"This is not a theoretical situation," Pickup said.

Labour and Advanced Education Minister Kelly Regan said the province is well aware that current funding and reporting models are inadequate and that's why legislation was passed last spring requiring more accountability.

The Universities Accountability and Sustainability Act is aimed at creating an early warning system by requiring the submission

of financial reports and updated forecasts each year. It also gives the government power to withhold grants and set conditions for grants when schools get into financial trouble.

Regan said further accountability measures would also be included in a new funding formula to be part of a new agreement with universities, expected to be ready by the end of the year.

"There will likely be an enrolment piece to it, but it won't all be based on that I expect," she said.

+ SHORTFALLS

Risk management

The report also found that the Department of Municipal Affairs has to do a better job of evaluating the financial risks to municipalities.

Michaela Sam of the Canadian Federation of Students said her organization believes the sustainability of universities is linked to whether they are properly funded.

Sam said consequently, students want increased funding along with a reduction in tuition fees. "Because the alternative is that students are asked to bear the brunt of funding," she said.

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What they are really trying to do is make structural changes so that universities are in good financial situations. Michael Pickup



CLAYTON PARK GAS LEAK Workers pinch a gas line Wednesday. At about 10 a.m., Halifax Fire and Heritage Gas responded to a leak caused by a ruptured pipe on Knightsbridge Drive near Flamingo Drive. Streets were closed until the leak was contained around 11 a.m. No buildings were evacuated. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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New festival offers best of local music, food, drink

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It's like Nova Scotia's greatest hits.

With local music, food, wine, beer and cider, Groundswell Music Festival aims to showcase the province's rich and diverse culture.

The new homegrown three-day festival kicks off Thursday at Olympic Hall.

Ian McKinnon, highland piper and tin whistle player for Rawlins Cross and Groundswell Music president, said he's proud of his home province.

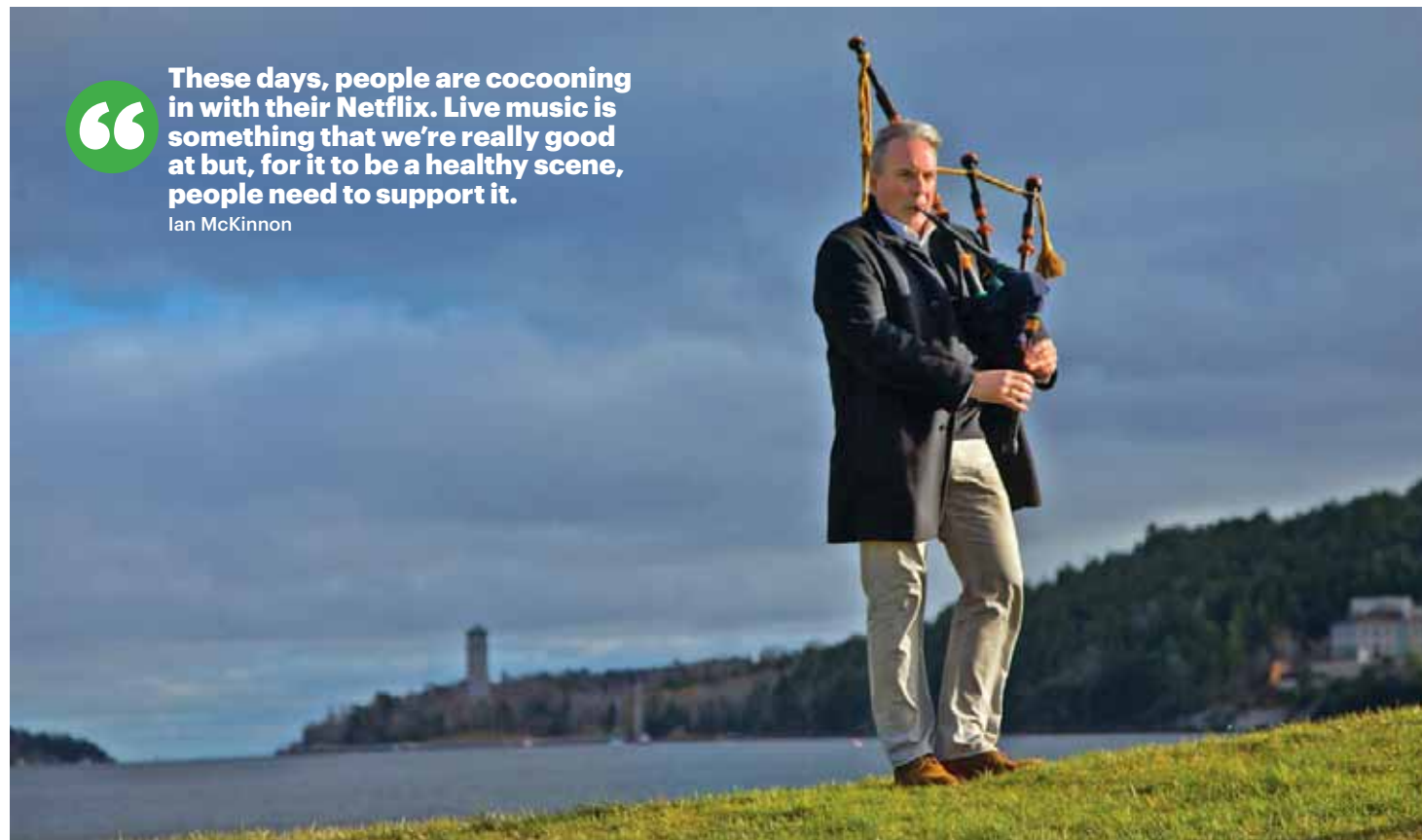
"The festival is a celebration of three things that we do really well: our food, our drink and our music," said McKinnon, who is spearheading the event.

"But I also think people these days, when they're looking for an entertainment experience, they're looking for a rich experience. They're looking for more than just a band coming out and playing a few sets."

McKinnon said the festival was born out of a need to stage CD release concerts

+ TICKETS

Tickets for the Thursday and Saturday events are \$30. Friday tickets are \$20. Weekend passes and VIP packages are also available.



Piper Ian McKinnon of Rawlins Cross plays the pipes on Horseshoe Island on Wednesday. Rawlins Cross, The Stanfields and many others will be playing as part of the Groundswell Music Festival. JEFF HARPER/METRO

“These days, people are cocooning in with their Netflix. Live music is something that we’re really good at but, for it to be a healthy scene, people need to support it.”

Ian McKinnon

for two local artists represented by Groundswell Music: The Stanfields and The Town Heroes.

The Stanfields have just released their fourth album, *Modem Operandi*, while alternative rock duo The Town Heroes are releasing their third album titled *Please, Everyone*.

Thursday night's lineup has McKinnon's legendary Atlantic Canadian Celtic band Rawlins Cross headlining, while The Town Heroes will take the stage

Friday and The Stanfields on Saturday for their respective CD release shows.

The music will be bolstered by local food and drink, featuring companies like Chef Live, Sobeys, Bulwark Traditional Craft Cider, Devonian Coast Wineries and Garrison Brewing Co.

Garrison has even developed a beer in honour of The Stanfields' latest album, which has been aptly named *Modem Hoperandi*.

Mike Ryan, who makes

up half of The Town Heroes, said Nova Scotians are starting to see the importance of supporting local businesses and artists.

"We're reverting back to the times when people went to the local butcher shop to get their meat and the local bakery for their

bread," said Ryan, his voice infused with his Cape Breton roots.

"It strengthens our community — the economy and the culture. By supporting the people that work here, we're able to stay here."

McKinnon said he hopes the festival will run annu-

ally, but he's also mulling bringing the unique event to other Nova Scotia communities and beyond.

He said supporting local music by attending live shows is imperative.

"We need people to do that if we want it to continue," said McKinnon. "These days, people are cocooning in with their Netflix. Live music is something that we're really good at but, for it to be a healthy scene, people need to support it."

“I’m really proud of this province of ours and what we create.”

Ian McKinnon

REPORT

Dip-in food bank use linked to relocation

Food bank operators in Atlantic Canada say the number of people leaving the region in search of work is a major factor in the decline in food bank use last year.

Nationally, food bank use increased 1.3 per cent, but the annual Hunger Count report shows decreases of 8.1 per cent in Prince Edward Island, 3.1 per cent in New Bruns-

wick and 5.9 per cent in Newfoundland and Labrador.

There was no change in use in Nova Scotia.

George Piers, president of the New Brunswick Association of Food Banks, says he knows of families that have used food banks for years, but have packed up and left the province to find work.

3.1%

Amount food bank use has decreased in New Brunswick.

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LOTTERY

Chase the Ace returns

Chase the Ace lottery fever is starting up again on Saturday in the Cape Breton community of Inverness.

The Royal Canadian Legion is holding a second contest after its first fundraiser attracted thousands of people to the tiny community.

In all, 3.5 million tickets were sold, generating \$5.9 million in revenue and more than \$2.9 million in prizes, including the \$1.7 million jackpot won by a Cape Breton woman.

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Vandalism damage pegged at \$17,000

Stakeholders are working on the issue of recent vandalism at the historic Louisbourg Lighthouse and along the coastal trail.

"It is estimated repairs could cost up to \$17,000," said Stephen Bornais, a spokesperson with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Bornais said since the vandalism was discovered, the coast guard has made some

repairs to secure the site and the department is working with stakeholders on repairs.

He said this is the second time in four years vandals have caused damage at the Louisbourg Lighthouse.

The latest damage was

discovered and reported to Cape Breton Regional Police on Oct. 30.

Jean Bagnell, 81, secretary of the Louisbourg Lighthouse Society, said the solar panels which power the light in the lighthouse were destroyed.

“They threw one bench over the cliff and took a hatchet to another — it’s sinful, just terrible.”
Jean Bagnell

"They disrupted the fog-horn, torn a piece out of that, wires were hanging."

As well she said there was damage to memorial benches along the Louisbourg Trail, which are handcrafted and paid for by the families at a cost of \$700 to \$800 each.

"They threw one bench over the cliff and took a hatchet to another — it's sinful, just terrible," she said.

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Ashley Roodes CONTRIBUTED

Girl's illness a mystery

IWK HEALTH CENTRE

Doctors baffled by 13-year-old suffering major brain damage

On Oct. 28, Sarah Bird checked on her 13-year-old daughter Ashley Roodes before going to bed.

The girl seemed OK, although she had been battling a flu earlier in the week and later complained of a headache.

The next morning she went in her room and found the girl unconscious. They called 911 and her daughter was taken to the IWK Health Centre in

Halifax where she spent the last three weeks still in a coma-like state.

Until recently she was unable to breathe without a ventilator although that has since been removed. Just a couple of days ago she opened her eyes for the first time.

What has caused the illness is still a mystery, said her grandmother, Jean Foance. She said doctors have told them there's no bacteria and no viruses. They've done various tests but found nothing conclusive. Whatever is going on, has caused some major damage to her brain.

"The outer trim has gone into like a starburst. It's gone from grey matter into white matter," Foance said, adding that the connective tissue from the brain to the body is also damaged. "We don't know how much of Ashley is going to come back," she said.

The hope that they hold onto is that the girl is still young.

Bird, speaking by phone from the Halifax hospital, said the whole experience has been extremely frightening.

"She's just locked inside herself," she said.

She's been told that it'll be months before they get to take the girl home. She said if there is one thing she could ask from people it would be for prayers.

Bird had been working part time at the Walmart in Antigonish but has been on a leave of absence since her daughter took ill. Friends and family are trying to help raise money to help Bird cover the expense of travel and to prepare for the upcoming costs that she will face.

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IN BRIEF

Canadian killed fighting ISIL to be repatriated

The Canadian Heroes Foundation says a Canadian man killed while fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist group will be repatriated to Blenheim, Ont., on Friday.

John Gallagher, 32, was killed in Syria earlier this month, either by a suicide bomber or by gunfire.

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Reports deem Trudeau a 'hottie' at APEC summit

The front page of a Manila newspaper asked Wednesday who's sexier: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau or Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto.



Reports described the leaders as "APEC hotties" as the summit opened in the city. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sen. John Wallace to sit as independent

New Brunswick Sen. John Wallace is resigning from the Conservative caucus, citing "irreconcilable differences" between himself and his party over the role of the upper chamber, which he feels should be non-partisan.

Wallace said changes need to happen and being an independent will allow him to speak to that.

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U.S. President Barack Obama chats with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the G20 summit in Antalya, Turkey, recently. Canada will join the UN climate-change conference in Paris, beginning Nov. 30. EPA/TOLGA BOZUGLU/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dion backs Obama on climate change

ENVIRONMENT

Minister agrees 'urgent' threat needs action now

Canada is backing strong warnings from U.S. President Barack Obama about the need for nations to act on the "urgent, growing" threat of climate change.

In an address to a business audience at the APEC summit in Manila, Philippines, Wednesday, Obama laid out the threat of climate change, saying the "patterns and the science don't lie" and that no nation is immune to the consequences.

"Temperatures and sea levels are rising, ice caps are melting, storms are strengthening," he said. "If we want to prevent the worst effects of climate change before it's too late, the time to act is now, and it is going to

affect people's bottom lines," Obama said.

His comments come as nations prepare to gather in Paris later this month in a bid to reach new agreement to curb greenhouse gases.

Obama's remarks were endorsed Wednesday by Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, who agreed with an analogy that climate change is a cancer.

"It's the worst threat we are facing during this century," Dion told reporters.

He said Canada will be a strong advocate for a climate change deal and will work with the United States and summit host France to make it happen.

"We will be strong on the floor. We will speak to any country that may have difficulties because we need to have unanimity at the end of the day," Dion said, adding that leaders are taking the upcoming talks "seriously" and there is "momentum" for a deal.

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MONTREAL

Call for killings leads to charges

A Montreal man allegedly behind a video that called for the revenge killing of "Arabs" in Quebec has been charged with inciting hatred, uttering death threats and being responsible for a hoax terrorist threat.

Jesse Pelletier, 24, was allegedly the author of a video that surfaced over the weekend calling for the province to be "cleaned" of its "Arab" population. The person in the video suggested the recording was made "the day after the attacks in Paris."

"Starting next week, there will be murders across Quebec," said the man, who was dressed as the Joker character from the Batman series and waved a replica handgun in the video. "We will eliminate one Arab each week to get rid of them and clean up the province of Quebec. We are a group of 10 people and we will all eliminate them, one by one."

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A still from the video.

SCREENGRAB

DEFENCE

Expanding military training in Iraq a possibility: Minister

The country's new defence minister opened the door Wednesday to expanding the Canadian training mission in Iraq beyond just teaching Kurdish peshmerga fighters, saying the soldiers will go where it makes sense and where they can have the greatest impact.

Harjit Sajjan said options for the Trudeau government's beefed-up commitment to the campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) are still being formulated, but it's clear some of the boundaries put in place by the previous government are either going to be removed or relaxed.

The former Conservative government chose to align itself with the Kurds, who oper-

ate in a semi-autonomous region in northern Iraq and have shown the most willingness to battle extremists.

Sajjan says he's talking with the U.S.-led coalition on where Canadian troops would be of most use but would not rule out expanding the training mission to include conventional army units and Iraqi forces in

the country's south.

"I'm open to looking at all the different options," said Sajjan, who did three tours in Afghanistan and one in the Balkans as a reserve officer.

"I'm not looking at just from the Kurds perspective, or the Iraqi perspective; I'm looking at how we can have a meaningful contribution."

Sajjan was not prepared to discuss numbers of troops — or timelines. He was confident, however, that if Canadians are going to help train Iraqi forces they will avoid getting sucked into the sectarian tensions that have plagued the American effort to organize an effective force.

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A French soldier enforcing the Vigipirate plan, France's national security alert system, on Nov. 18 in front of the Eiffel Tower. JOEL SAGET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SOCIAL MEDIA

Video of dad's talk with son goes viral

A father's heartwarming explanation to his son about the Paris attacks is electrifying social media, with millions of views on Facebook alone.

The video shows an interview conducted Sunday by a reporter for France's *Le Petit Journal* at Place de La Republique in Paris, where people are laying flowers and lighting candles to honour the 129 victims killed in the attacks.

In the video, preschooler Brandon Le tells reporter Martin Weill the attacks on Friday night were conducted by "bad guys" who were "not very nice." He then expresses fear that his family will be forced to move, although his father, Angel Le, reassures him.

"Oh don't worry. We don't need to move out. France is our home," the father tells his son.

Brandon offers a quick reply. "But there's bad guys, daddy."

"Yes, but there's bad guys everywhere," the father replies.

"They have guns. They can shoot us because they're really, really mean, daddy."

With his arm around his son, the father refers to the crowd at the square, and says, "It's OK. They might have guns, but we have flowers."

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Angel Le, right, reassures his son, Brandon, during an interview. SCREENGRAB

Ringleader may be dead after dawn raid

Paris France vows 'everything is being done' to stop attackers

Belgian Justice Minister Koen Geens says he cannot confirm the suspected mastermind of the Paris attacks was among those killed in a raid against an apartment north of the French capital.

He says Belgian Abdelhamid Abaaoud was "not among those

arrested or those who have been identified."

French officials previously said Abaaoud was not among those arrested in Wednesday's raid in Saint-Denis, but didn't eliminate the possibility that he was killed, saying the identities of those slain are still being investigated.

The Belgian minister spoke after a cabinet meeting late Wednesday which was assessing what measures should be taken to counter the increased threat of terrorism.

He called Wednesday's raid a "big breakthrough" because it shows law enforcement officials

can track down suspects.

Meanwhile, security camera video from inside a restaurant as it is fired on by a rifle-wielding gunman has been posted online that provides a new look at last week's Paris shooting rampage.

The video posted on the Daily Mail website shows a nearly empty restaurant erupt into chaos with bullets smashing into walls and diners and staff diving for cover.

French police have banned public demonstrations until Nov. 22 in Paris and surrounding towns in the latest utilization of expanded security meas-

ures permitted under the state of emergency installed following last week's bloody attacks.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said "everything is being done to capture" the attackers.

Both France and Russia are pursuing UN Security Council resolutions that seek to unite the international community in combating the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

But Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin says ignoring the Syrian government in the effort is "weakening the possibility of our joint fight against terrorism."

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+ RADICALIZATION

The 'signs' were there

Much about Abdelhamid Abaaoud's path to armed Islamic radicalism remains mysterious. In the words of Koen Geens, the Belgian justice minister, he mutated from a student at an upscale Brussels school into "an extremely professional commando," one seemingly able to slip across borders at will.

The wanted jihadi's own father believes prison — where he served time for petty crimes — changed him for the worse. After his son got out, Omar Abaaoud noticed "signs of radicalization," the elder Abaaoud's lawyer, Nathalie Gallant, told RTBF broadcasting Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SENTIMENT

Muslims facing backlash in U.S.

Muslims around the U.S. are facing backlash following the deadly attacks in Paris, including vandalism to mosques and Islamic centres, hate-filled phone and online messages and threats of violence.

Advocacy leaders say they have come to expect some anti-Muslim sentiment following such attacks, but they now see a spike that seems notable, stirred by anti-Muslim sentiment in the media.

"The picture is getting increasingly bleak," said Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the

Washington, D.C.-based Council on American-Islamic Relations. "There's been an accumulation of anti-Islamic rhetoric in our lives and that I think has triggered these overt acts of violence and vandalism."

He said the rise in the level of anti-Muslim sentiment is



The picture is getting increasingly bleak.

Ibrahim Hooper

reflected by some GOP presidential candidates, governors and others speaking out in opposition to the U.S. accepting more Syrian refugees.

Hooper said the council is seeing an increase in anti-Muslim incidents since Friday's attacks in Paris.

Nihad Awad, national executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, asked law enforcement officials to step up patrols at mosques and other Islamic institutions.

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Twittersphere unites over police dog killed in raid

People around the world are sending messages of support for a police dog that was killed during an early morning police raid in a Paris suburb that left two alleged suspects dead. The hashtag #JeSuisChien (I Am Dog) was the top trending topic in France at 9 a.m. Toronto time, with people sharing messages of solidarity with Diesel, the dog. The seven-year-old Malinois was part of the French RAID police unit. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Homemade bomb downed plane: ISIL

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group has released a photo of the bomb it says was used to bring down a Russian passenger plane in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula last month, killing all 224 people on board.

The picture was published in the latest issue of the extremist group's English-language magazine, with the caption "EXCLUSIVE — Image of the IED used to bring down the Russian airliner." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A can of Schweppes Gold, and what appears to be other bomb components made of plastic and metal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Assad a 'lesser evil'



Syrian President Bashar Assad reviews the presidential guard during a welcoming ceremony in Athens in 2003.

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MIDDLE EAST

Desire to save Syria's leader grows as ISIL gains ground

The tide of global rage against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) lends greater urgency to ending the jihadis' ability to operate at will from a base in war-torn Syria. That momentum could also force a re-evaluation of what to do about President Bashar Assad and puts a renewed focus on the position of his key patrons, Russia and Iran.

The Syrian leader has lost much of the country to ISIL and other groups in the four-year war — half the population has been displaced, many areas have been levelled and masses of refugees are flooding Europe. Along the way, Assad's brutal military response has made him persona non grata in most of the world.

Portraying himself as the only viable alternative to jihadi rule, Assad has labelled all his enemies "terrorists" — a designation that, in the wake of the

recent attacks on civilians by IS, may find greater resonance.

Cutting a deal with Assad would be the "lesser evil," Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo said Wednesday.

"If we want peace, we have to find a way of getting along with Assad, at least in a transition period," Garcia-Margallo said.

Britain's former military chief, Gen. David Richards, echoed that sentiment, saying in a BBC interview that a ceasefire in Syria could allow Assad and his military to take a leading role in battling ISIL.

The fact remains, though, that the U.S. and its allies don't want to see Assad benefit from any effort to dislodge ISIL from territory it controls in Syria — unlike in Iraq, where the Baghdad government is considered legitimate by the world community.

A temporary reprieve is starting to seem more possible, setting the stage for what some observers suggest may be an arrangement in which Assad is part of a transition government that has a role in the priority of defeating ISIL — but then quietly makes way.

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YEMEN

Poorest country in Arab world suffers

The United Nations says 5,700 people have been killed in the conflict in Yemen since March 26, including 830 women and children.

Meanwhile, basic services are collapsing in what was already the Arab world's poorest country, the UN's humanitarian co-ordinator for Yemen, Johannes Van Der Klaauw, told reporters Wednesday.

He said 21.2 million people, or 82 per cent of the country's population, require some kind of humanitarian assistance. Fourteen million people lack sufficient access to health care.



Fighting in Yemen continues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Nearly 320,000 children are acutely malnourished," he added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Dozens killed by Boko Haram suicide bombers

A suicide bomber exploded Wednesday in a market in Yola, Nigeria, a town packed with refugees from the country's Islamic uprising. At least 34 people were killed and another 80 wounded. Later Wednesday, two more suicide bombers killed at least 15 people in the northern

city of Kano and injured 53, according to police. Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency said more than 100 were wounded. The blasts were the latest by Boko Haram, Nigeria's home-grown extremists whose six-year insurgency has killed 20,000 and forced 2.3 million to flee their homes.

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CBC confirms apology

A top CBC executive has confirmed to colleagues that public broadcaster vice-president Heather Conway apologized to him but says he "never made a harassment complaint" to CBC president Hubert Lacroix. The CBC has confirmed an apology was made after an incident between Neil McEneaney and Conway. But what transpired between McEneaney and Conway in a meeting that led to these actions, nobody will say. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Crown wraps up its chocolate-price case

INVESTIGATION

Last charges against candy manufacturers dropped

An eight-year probe into allegations of price-fixing in Canada's multi-million dollar chocolate bar industry has ended with the last charges being dropped, Canada's competition watchdog said Wednesday.

The Public Prosecution Service of Canada entered a stay of proceedings against Nestlé Canada and former president Robert Leonidas, the Competition Bureau said in a brief statement Wednesday.

Leonidas was one of three industry executives at three different companies charged in 2013 with conspiring to fix chocolate prices between 2002 and 2008.

No reason was given for the Crown's decision.

Charges against Mars Canada, former Nestlé Canada executive Sandra Martinez, candy distributor ITWAL Ltd. and its former CEO, David Glenn Stevens were also dropped on Sept. 8. Stevens is now ITWAL's chairman.

No explanation was offered. The case against the chocolate industry began after Cadbury Adams brought the matter to the bureau's attention in 2007. The chocolate-maker received immunity from prosecution.

Hershey Canada Inc. pleaded guilty to one count of price-fixing related to communications with competitors in 2007 and was fined \$4 million on June 22, 2013, in an Ontario



Canada's four largest candy makers all settled class-action lawsuits without admitting guilt of alleged price-fixing in the chocolate industry in the country. ISTOCK

Superior Court of Justice.

The other three companies, Mars, Nestle and Itwal, and their three executives continued to defend against the allegations.

All four companies settled class-action lawsuits without admitting guilt. Nestlé Canada settled for \$9 million, Cadbury Adams Canada for \$5.7 million, Hershey Canada for \$5.3 million and Mars Canada for \$3.2 million.

The outcome of the case is not unusual, said Mihkel Tombak, a professor with the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. The burden of proof in criminal

75.3%

In 2007, the four largest chocolate makers accounted for 75.3 per cent of sales in Canada, a market valued at \$840 million, court heard.

cases is high, he said, noting the prosecution must prove the allegations beyond a reasonable doubt.

Hershey's sentencing hearing provided a glimpse into the allegations the companies were facing back in 2007. At

the time, the four largest chocolate makers accounted for 75.3 per cent of chocolate sales in Canada, a market valued at \$840 million, court heard. Nestlé was the market leader, court heard.

During the period, senior employees at Hershey and their counterparts at other chocolate companies exchanged competitive pricing information, either directly or through their distributor, court heard.

However, the allegations were never proven in court.

The Competition Bureau said Tuesday that it considers the chocolate case closed.

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CONSUMER WATCHDOG

Claws, poop on naughty toys list

A consumer watchdog group says dinosaur claws inspired by the movie Jurassic World and a substance that looks like poop are among the worst toys for Christmas this year.

The Massachusetts-based World Against Toys Causing Harm released its annual list of hazardous toys Wednesday. The group says the velociraptor claws can cause eye and facial injuries, and the Play-Doh-like substance contains wheat that could cause allergies. The list also includes a quick-folding trampoline, which the group says can lead to injuries. WATCH says the items singled out represent common problems in toys.

The group also urges parents to be cautious when buying toys online, where nearly half of purchases are expected to be made this year.

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Jurassic World velociraptor claws can cause eye and facial injuries, says World Against Toys Causing Harm.

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EMMA TEITEL: ON CAITLYN JENNER'S CATCH-22

She is regarded by the conservative world as an attention-seeking guy in a dress. In the eyes of many high-profile feminists, she is considered a testament to male privilege.



Caitlyn Jenner, former Olympian and public face of the transgender movement whether she or anyone involved likes it or not, received a high profile award this month from Glamour magazine. Jenner, 66, was among a handful of recipients of Glamour's Women of the Year Award, a prize the magazine has doled out to important ladies since 1990.

Glamour honoured Jenner at a star-studded ceremony Nov. 9 for coming out of the closet and for bringing transgender issues to the fore with her documentary reality series, *I Am Cait* — a Kardashian-style sideshow with a moral message. In the series, Jenner discusses trans issues with experts and activists and receives fashion advice from her stepdaughter Kim Kardashian, who discards ugly clothing from Jenner's gargantuan closet with love and sass. "I like being myself," Jenner told a packed audience at Glamour's ceremony earlier this month, sporting a royal blue evening gown.

Unsurprisingly though, not everyone likes Jenner. The former reality TV patriarch's swift transition from cheap tabloid fodder to transgender activist and recipient of prestigious awards (earlier this year she won ESPN's Arthur Ashe Courage Award) is a constant source of controversy — so much so that disapproval of Jenner's recognition by Glamour was a top trending topic on Facebook this week.

When James Smith, the husband of former Glamour award winner and New York City police officer Moira Smith (Smith was awarded Woman of the Year posthumously after she perished in 9/11) learned about Jenner's win, he was so livid he returned his late wife's award to the magazine. "I find it insulting to Moira Smith's memory, and the memory of other heroic women who have

earned this award," he wrote in a now viral letter to Glamour. "Was there no woman in America, or the rest of the world, more deserving than this man?"

Actress Rose McGowan also took shots at the former Olympian recently, for Jenner's supposedly anti-women remarks. When asked at the Glamour ceremony what the hardest thing about being a woman is in 2015, Jenner quipped: "Figuring out what to wear," a statement that irked McGowan to her feminist core. "Caitlyn Jenner you do not understand what being a woman is all about," McGowan wrote in a now viral Facebook post Monday. "We are more than the stereotypes foisted upon us by people like you."

In short, Caitlyn Jenner may be a well-heeled white woman with numerous awards under her designer belt, but by God, the lady cannot catch a break. She is regarded by the con-

servative world as an attention-seeking guy in a dress undeserving of even a sliver of respect. And in the eyes of many high-profile feminists she is equally incorrect: it turns out, even in her serially ridiculed female form, Jenner is considered a testament to male privilege.

The prevailing question around any statement she makes in the press no matter how innocuous is invariably: How can a woman who has lived most of her life in the body of a rich heterosexual man — a man formerly on a Wheaties box who spends his weekends golfing at posh country clubs — possibly understand the challenges and complexities faced by the average woman? "Figuring out what to wear?" Try closing the wage gap! Or working three jobs to pay for childcare! Or eliminating the tampon tax!

Jenner is a walking, collagen-injected catch-22: She is damned for speaking out and

damned for keeping quiet; damned for being an inferior activist and damned for winning awards based on her activism.

By God, the lady cannot catch a break.

Perhaps the greatest irony about the current backlash to Jenner's Glamour award is that she was recognized alongside a handful of other winners who more than meet both liberal and conservative critics' definitions of bravery and uncompromising feminism. Among the other winners were actress Reese Witherspoon, founder of a new feminist-bent film production company; Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood, and — if it's heroism you're after — five women affected by the shooting massacre at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., earlier this year. That sounds to me like a pretty well-rounded group.

But perhaps Jenner's critics are right. The hardest thing about being a woman in 2015 isn't figuring out what to wear (though I would argue it's up there). The hardest thing is being forced to apologize for your success when you have done nothing wrong.

Emma Teitel is a national columnist for the Toronto Star. She has been a front-of-the-book columnist for Maclean's magazine for the past four years, focusing on a wide range of subjects including women's issues and popular culture. She won the National Magazine Awards gold award for columns in 2013.

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For some, a decline in Christian belief spells one thing: A fight

Radicalism loves radicalism. Power hates to rescind it. And the dominant fears the minority — lest they become it.

I'm talking, of course, about Christianity in North America.

The U.S. is 70 per cent avowed Christian. Canada, two-thirds. We are very Christian nations, and the Starbucks brew-haha over its non-denominational red holiday cups was a jolly reminder.

It points to something else, too: Some Christians here feel under attack. It's an odd sentiment, given their overwhelming company, until you start to factor in a few things, including a decade of headlines about how our countries are (slowly) losing their (Christian) religion, simultaneous headlines reporting the growth of other faiths, and Islam in particular, and the rise of social-justice movements that contravene some conservative Christian teachings.

The Pew Research Centre recently released a major survey that found the U.S. continues to become less religious, driven by younger generations, and something new: Hints that those who are religious might be holding tighter than ever to their faith.

Religious Americans are by some measures "even more devout than they were a few years ago," the report noted, citing a modest growth in reading scripture or participating in prayer groups.

Alongside that, Christians

in the U.S. are reporting that their faith is under threat: 72 per cent of Americans think religion is losing its influence in American life, 56 per cent think that's a bad thing, and a growing number want religion to play a greater role in politics, according to a Pew report from 2014. Perhaps in response to that, 50 per cent of white evangelicals feel they face "a lot" of discrimination.

In Canada, about half of us think the decline of religious involvement is bad for the country, according to an Angus Reid survey from last March. And while there's no similar question of discrimination in the survey, discrimination is certainly the claim made in the wake of Quebec's prayers-at-city-hall debate, or a B.C. Christian university's bid to become a law school, or Starbucks' red-washing of Christmas.

And I think that fear of irrelevance (unfounded though it may be), plays a role in today's anti-Muslim sentiment.

That Angus Reid survey — conducted after Charlie Hebdo, and well before Paris — found 44 per cent of Canadians have a negative view of Islam, and 51 per cent think it's more likely than other religions to encourage violence.

Our predominantly — for now — Christian societies see another faith on the rise, one held often by non-whites, and to some that spells one thing: A fight.

THE MICROTREND: Stormselfies



Adding to the usual lessons of storm safety — watch for falling branches, report downed wires, unplug appliances — there's now a new rule: No selfies in front of the storm surge. With two major weather systems rocking the U.K. in the past week, a representative from the British environment agency has warned "The power of Mother Nature is a fascination to us all. Taking storm selfies may seem exhilarating. But over the last few years we've had an increasing number of people putting themselves and family members at severe risk." As the periodic dump of warm air and moisture known as El Niño hits this winter, more dangerous weather is likely on the way, including in Canada. So when it comes to taking risks and pulling tricks with a smartphone in hopes of social-media fame, stick to poking your friend in the eye with a selfie stick. THE INDEPENDENT

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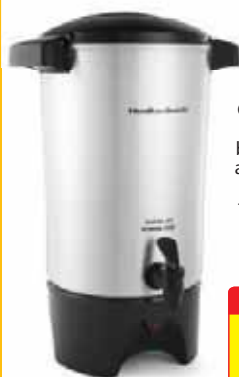
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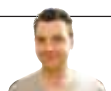


Brownstein's search for self

NEW BOOK

Rocker, writer, thinker looks at her life's journey so far

Ian Gormely
Metro | Canada



Performance is central to Carrie Brownstein's life, whether it's on stage as guitarist for rock trio Sleater-Kinney, or on the set of *Portlandia*, the sketch-comedy show she writes and stars in with fellow co-creator Fred Armisen.

But, as she reveals in her new memoir, *Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl*, Brownstein assumed many roles throughout her life — fan, substitute teacher, academic — in her search for connection and identity.

"Much of what we project into the world is different permutations of ourselves," she says.

"I do think that the common thread is my writing. The reason that I write is to ask questions as much to answer them and also to form a connection with people."

She found the connection she was searching for in Olympia, Wash.'s close-knit music community, first as a member of riot grrrl band Excuse 17 and later with guitarist Corin Tucker and



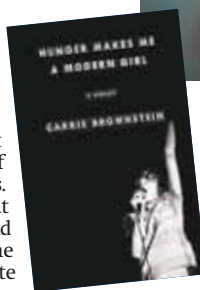
Carrie Brownstein's career has taken her from guitarist for Sleater-Kinney to co-creator of sketch-comedy show *Portlandia*. CONTRIBUTED

drummer Janet Weiss in Sleater-Kinney.

The book was inspired by a series of essays Brownstein wrote for NPR.

Using Steve Martin's memoir, *Born Standing Up*, as a template, it chronicles her search for a place in the world — the journey from being "disembodied to embodied" — through to Sleater-Kinney's initial split in 2006.

Brownstein purposely skirts rock bio clichés — there are no



Brownstein co-writes *Portlandia* with Fred Armisen. CONTRIBUTED

THE MANY GIGS OF SLEATER-KINNEY



The members of Sleater-Kinney have spread their musical wings over the years.

Wild Flag: Brownstein and Weiss formed this quartet with Rebecca Cole and former Helium singer-guitarist Mary Timony. Their self-titled album from 2011 remains their only release.

Quasi: Prior to joining

Sleater-Kinney, Weiss was one-half of keyboard-led indie rockers Quasi. The band remains a going concern, releasing their ninth album, *Mole City*, in 2013.

Heavens to Betsy: Tucker's pre-Sleater-Kinney duo were one of the primary groups associated with the riot grrrl movement, taking Excuse 17 out on tour with them in the early '90s.

tawdry tales of sex and drugs in *Hunger*'s pages.

Rather, she wanted to pen a literary love letter to her bandmates, who recently came together again and released the new album *No Cities to Love*, and to whom she dedicates the book.

Olympia's communal, anti-corporate punk spirit gave birth to the feminist riot grrrl movement, and nurtured Brownstein in her early 20s. But she and her bandmates had ambitions beyond the insular college town.

"Sleater-Kinney didn't want to preach to the converted, we

didn't want to limit ourselves," she says. "I didn't want to connect to a finite group of people."

That culminated in an opening slot for Pearl Jam in the early 2000s, putting Sleater-Kinney in front of thousands of people unaware of the band's history or politics.

"Putting yourself in new uncomfortable positions helps you clarify your point of view," she says.

"It helps you innovate and push forward. That's something I try to remember in everything I do."



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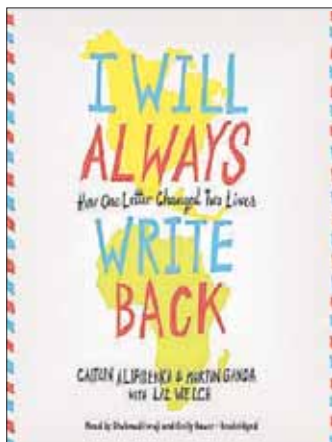
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BOOKS TO RESTORE YOUR FAITH IN HUMANITY

The world is mourning for Paris and Beirut. The lives of those lost in the terror attacks last week should be front of mind and honoured, not forgotten. But it's also important to remember the good in humanity. Keep following the news as it develops, but also, reach for one of these books to help remind yourself that people aren't all bad. **EMILY LAURENCE** METRO NEW YORK

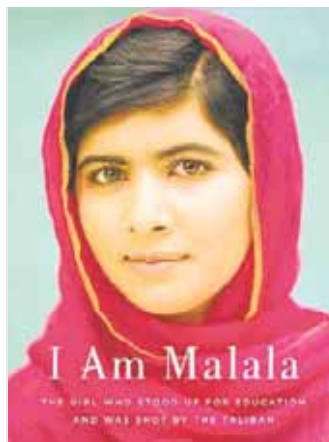
1 I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda

When American Caitlin Alifirenka was in the seventh grade, she started writing to a boy in Zimbabwe as part of a class project. The two kept corresponding long after the school year ended and developed a bond that would forever change the course of their lives. *I Will Always Write Back* shares those letters, along with details of just how different their situations were — Alifirenka growing up in the suburban town of Hatfield, Penn. and Martin Ganda in the slums of Mutare. This book serves as a reminder that a small act can have a huge, life-changing impact.



2 I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai

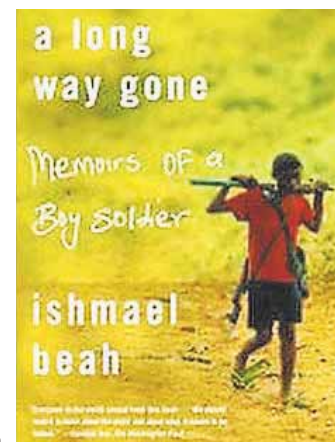
If you still haven't read Malala Yousafzai's incredible memoir about standing up to the Taliban in support of girls' education in Pakistan, you should now — especially before watching the documentary based on her story, *He Named Me Malala*, which comes to DVD this December. Seeing how one ordinary girl's bravery sparked global change will encourage you to live more boldly as well.



3 A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

This true story about a child soldier in Sierra Leone will break your heart, but it will also remind you that human beings are resilient creatures.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

When The Good Wife goes bad

THE GOOD WIFE, SEASON 7, EPISODE 7 (NBC/GLOBAL)

Attorney Alicia Florrick (Julianne Margulies), who's just triumphed at work, and her husband Peter (Chris Noth), who's running for U.S. president, are sharing a drink in her kitchen. (They're estranged, but pretending to be together for his campaign.)

"Nothing beats a good cross-examination," she says, toasting herself. "I just got a million-dollar donation," he counters. They smile at each other like jackals. "Want to get laid?" she asks. "I have 20 minutes."

They repair to her spare room and unceremoniously strip. Cut to them getting dressed.

"That was sexy. Why is that?" Peter asks.

"Because sex is sexier without love," Alicia replies.

Hmm. Nothing announces The New Alicia quite like a zip-less screw. A few seasons ago, it was her abiding love for the now-deceased Will Gardner (Josh



Alicia evolves before our eyes on *The Good Wife*. HANDOUT

Charles) that made their sex so hot. But that was then. All this season, we've been watching Alicia toughen.

She traded red wine for tequila, and ditched her white-glove firm for a scrappy, public-defender partner (Cush Jumbo). Out went her crush on namby-pamby lawyer Finn Polmar (Matthew Goode); in came her wolfish stares at her new, dangerous-hunk investigator (Jeffrey

Dean Morgan).

Alicia's character evolution makes sense plot-wise: Faking it for Peter's campaign is nervy enough. But if he wins, she's going to be a faux-First Lady—and that would take balls of steel.

The *Good Wife* has never feared changing things up; that's why it's enjoyed such a long, strong run. But turning Alicia into Lady Macbeth is a truly interesting twist.

Knight's M.K. has a dark secret

INTERVIEW

Actor talks teens, training, complicated characters

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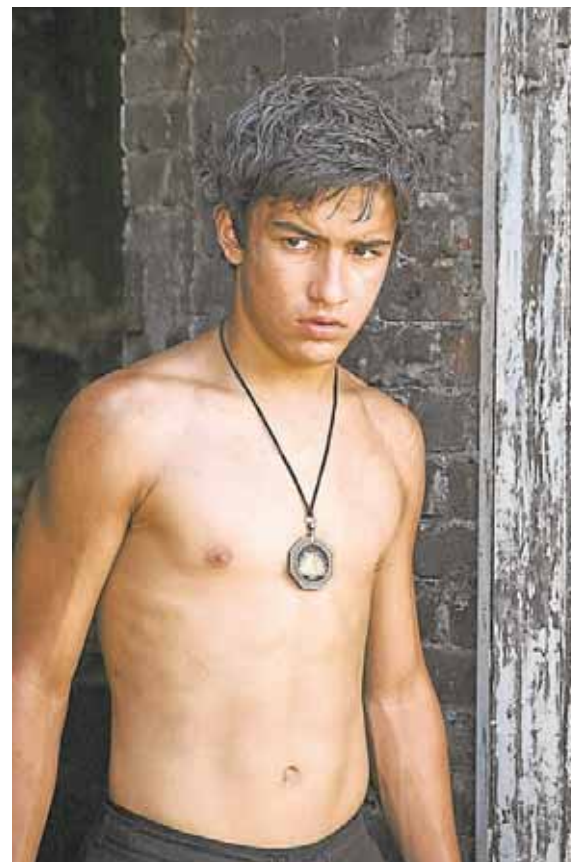
Aramis Knight is only 16 years old, but he's already something of a Hollywood veteran with plenty of titles like *Ender's Game* and *The Dark Knight Rises* behind him. But with AMC's new dystopian martial arts drama *Into the Badlands*, he had to pick up a whole new set of skills for the role of the mysterious young M.K.

How did you go about throwing yourself into this world?

There was a lot of preparation that went into this project. They put us through a seven-week martial arts training boot camp to put us into this world and get us in touch with the athletic side of ourselves. I think that seven-week boot camp definitely helped a lot. I don't think I realized it by the end of it, but once we began filming and we were doing martial arts every day and we really were asked to dive into this world, I realized how much it actually helped.

Was that level of physical training daunting?

Yeah, definitely. I've been in this business for 11 years, so not too many things intimidate me anymore when it comes to working on new



Aramis Knight plays a mysterious teen on AMC's dystopian drama *Into the Badlands*. HANDOUT

projects or auditioning. But with this project, I had no martial arts background at all. I've always been very athletic, though, and very in touch with the physical part of me and I've always been very good at transforming my body for a role, but never to this extent. It definitely was intimidating, definitely daunting, but by the end of the seven weeks I

was feeling pretty good and doing things I never thought I'd be able to do.

Like what?

They had me doing backflips, kicking over my head. I was touching my forehead to my knee when I was stretching. Things like that, that I never thought I'd be able to do because coming in I lacked flexibility a lot.

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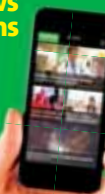
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PEOPLE MAGAZINE

Becks is sexiest of them all

If you were doubting the exact sexiness level of David Beckham, doubt no more, for it has officially been quantified.

Beckham has been dubbed the Sexiest Man Alive for 2015 by People magazine.

The news was announced on Jimmy Kimmel Live, with Beckham appearing via Skype to accept the honour.

"I would obviously like to thank my parents for bringing me into this world, of course. I would like to thank my hairdresser, my stylist," he joked.

He was a bit more serious with the magazine itself: "I never feel that I'm an attractive, sexy person," Beckham tells People.

"I mean, I like to wear nice clothes and nice suits and look and feel good, but I don't ever think of myself that way." Which kind of sounds like super-modest B.S., but whatever.

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Gwen Stefani says having her heart broken has allowed her to write some really incredible music. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Stefani wishes split never happened

RELATIONSHIPS

Singer keeps opening up over divorce from Gavin Rossdale

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Apparently Gwen Stefani talking to a radio station

about her divorce is a weekly thing now, and this week she's getting much more candid. And get this: Stefani found inspiration to split up with husband Gavin Rossdale by ... listening to her old No Doubt breakup songs.

"I go back and listen to a lot of that stuff and get sick," she tells Washington, D.C.'s 94.7 Fresh FM.

"You look at the song and go, 'that was a red flag and that was a moment where I

was feeling just as bad as I do today and why did I keep it up?'"

As for the divorce itself? She's looking on the bright side.

"I wish it didn't happen. I wish that all this wasn't happening, but it was part of my life journey," she says.

"In my life I've had two really bad heartbreaks, but I've written some really incredible music out of it." See? She really is a big fan of her work.

CHARLIE SHEEN

Martin Sheen in awe of son's courage

The West Wing actor Martin Sheen says he wishes he had the courage of his son Charlie Sheen, who has revealed he's HIV-positive.

Sheen spoke Tuesday during an event at The Ritz-Carlton resort in Naples, Florida, hours after his son's appearance on NBC's Today.

According to the Naples Daily News, Sheen said his 50-year-old son had been working up to the announcement for months with his family's encouragement.

Sheen said that as he watched his son reveal "his deepest, darkest secret, I couldn't believe the level of courage I was witnessing, and that it was my son."

Sheen encouraged support for people struggling with drug and



Martin Sheen

alcohol addictions.

He said he hoped the announcement was "the first day of the rest of Charlie's life as a free man." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Adele doesn't sing about heartbreak, for once

Adele is the queen of heartbreak. When she released Hello a few weeks ago, it teased that her new album would continue her lonely-hearts song trend. But this week she dropped her new single, Water Under The Bridge, and it's about her being happy in love. Adele tells Beats 1 Radio that the song is about her waiting for boyfriend Simon Konicki to treat her badly. But it just didn't happen. "Water Under The Bridge is more like, I'm waiting for him to be horrible but I don't think he's gonna be, waiting for the relationship to end. This is the relationship now that I'm gonna be in. It was quite a ground-breaking moment," she says.

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Bieber gets assassinated in Zoolander 2

Canadian pop superstar Jus-



Adele

tin Bieber appears to meet a grim fate in the upcoming Zoolander 2 film. The comedy spoof features an assassin who's out to kill "the world's most beautiful people," and Bieber appears to be one of them. A newly released trailer for the film starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson shows Bieber being chased down by an assassin who's on a motorbike. In the next shot, Bieber is apparently injured on the ground, and uses his phone to take a selfie while flashing blue steel. Zoolander 2 is due out in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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TECHNOLOGY

These online resources take hassle out of moving, decor

In a connected world, nesting's a lot easier than it used to be. There are apps and websites that streamline many aspects of setting up and dismantling a home.

Whether you're trying to get rid of old stuff, buy new stuff, move things or find ways to use things, chances are there's an app (or at least a website) for that.

Note: Some of the services are currently available only in the U.S.

Move it

There was a time when moving out of an old place and into a new one was a daunting logistical challenge, especially for the unorganized or inexperienced.

How do you find a reliable moving company? What do you need to know to prepare and execute a successful move?

Unpakt.com lets you compare more than 600 pre-screened, licensed, local or interstate moving firms, read credentials and reviews, and book online. Plug in the size of your home, the date you want to move, locations, and any additional needs like storage or extra drop-off stops. You can live-chat with an adviser. There's info and an app for setting up your moving timeline and making an inventory. (unpakt.com)

Move Advisor also helps with an inventory, and calculates how many boxes and furniture blankets you're likely to need, as



Home decor items curated by a stylist for U.S. clientele who join The Swatch Box. THE SWATCH BOX VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

well as estimating the requisite moving capacity of any truck you're thinking of renting for a DIY move. If you decide to go with pros, you can email your inventory directly to them. (move-advisor.com)

Lose it

For those who want to sell off belongings with minimum inconvenience, Krrb (pronounced "curb") is a classifieds site designed for local and in-person commerce. The company's mission is to highlight "what's right next door, not a billion anonymous results," in order to save time, money and the need for packing, shipping and returns. Users can buy and sell secondhand items, local goods and more. You can join Krrb and set up your "corner shop" for free, but publishing a listing costs one "credit," which you can buy or earn. (krrb.com)

New York-based AptDeco.com was founded by Kalam Dennis and Reham Fagiri as an alterna-



Packing up your life and starting over doesn't have to be a daunting task. Websites and apps like Krrb and Fountain connect you with those who can help. ISTOCK

tive to Craigslist after they learned that 10.8 million tons of furniture go to landfills each year. They hoped to make it easier to unload unwanted furnishings or find something new. Want to sell that old dresser you got from your uncle? AptDeco provides pricing advice, promotion, picks up the item, and handles the financial transaction. (aptdeco.com)

Decorate it

You could ask your style-savvy best friend for decorating advice, but wouldn't it be nice if a pro was available? Well, for a relatively small fee you can tap into

an online brain trust of hundreds of design professionals.

West Elm offers free help with things like designing and measuring a floor plan, decorating, and choosing paint and fabrics. For a fee, they've got pros who can come help with everything from wall-mounting a TV to painting a room to hanging shelves, art and curtains. (westelm.com)

Laurel & Wolf, a Los Angeles online interior design marketplace, connects people with interior designers. Upload some photos and answer questions about your space, budget, lifestyle and taste, and you'll receive "First Looks" from several inter-

ior designers. You review the ideas and select one designer with whom to work. They send you back a style board, furniture plan, instructions and shopping list.

Kimberly Valente, one of Laurel & Wolf's design partners, recently helped a Santa Monica couple who were moving in together and didn't like each other's stuff. They agreed they wanted a beachy, casual vibe. Valente suggested some kitchen backsplash and counter upgrades as well as new lighting, and a soothing palette of ocean blue and sand. (laurelandwolf.com)

The Fountain app connects

you to interior decorators, handy-men, gardening experts and tech folks. You can talk over your project by video-chat, and the experts can sketch out ideas on your posted images. (fountain.com)

If you're a member at The Swatch Box, you complete a style-preference survey and get matched with a stylist, who curates a quarterly collection of items for your space and sends them to you — throws, pillows, bedding and entertaining items, for instance. You keep what you want and send back the rest. (theswatchbox.com)

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Shopping Under the Stars began 20 years ago as a way to bring the shopping mall feeling to Spring Garden Road. CONTRIBUTED

Spectacular starlit shopping

HOLIDAYS

Tradition is an annual kickoff to shopping season in area

Jennifer Taplin

Whether it's clear and crisp or raining horizontally, Shopping Under the Stars is a 20-year-old downtown tradition.

This year the late-night shopping event will be held on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Martin Look, store manager at Roots, said Shopping Under the Stars is very important to the Spring Garden Road community.

"It brings people together and gets them excited for the upcoming holiday season," he



The inaugural event was the busiest day ever for Jennifer's of Nova Scotia. CONTRIBUTED

said, adding efforts to cater to all ages have made it even better.

"We the retailers and Spring Garden Road need this event. Maybe only once, maybe for

a weekend, instead of twice."

It was the first Shopping Under the Stars 20 years ago that remains the record holder for the busiest day for Jennifer's

of Nova Scotia, said co-owner Kurt Bulger, although last year came close.

"It's gone through ups and downs, peaks and valleys be-



In today's retail world, it is very important to keep the business home. Unfortunately, there is a lot of competition through online and big-box stores. I do believe (Shopping Under the Stars) helps to buy local.

Martin Look, store manager at Roots

cause it's an event in the downtown core during a time of year that is weather dependent," Bulger said.

It all started as a way to compete with the late-night shopping events at the malls, but with a Spring Garden Road twist to it, said Juanita Spencer, executive director of the Spring Garden Area Business Association.

"So not just tax-free shopping, but to really promote the outdoor mall feeling," she said, adding many of the stores offer unique sales and contests for holiday shoppers.

"Most of the businesses participate and it really is up to them what they do. We encourage them to come up with unique ideas," Spencer said. "And we encourage them to work with other businesses on the street to come up with some really unique offerings."

Shoppers express their excitement for it throughout the year, she said.

"I think people over the 20 year history have come to depend on these nights and look forward to them to kick off their shopping."

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Stores offering unique crafts are among the diverse retail options on the street. CONTRIBUTED



Some independent shops on Spring Garden Road are being replaced by chains. CONTRIBUTED

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SHOPPING

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popping up**

Jennifer Taplin

Spring Garden Road lost a few long-time shops this year, but one thing about this busy shopping district: it's always changing.

Mills department store shut its doors this summer after 96 years, and Maritime Frame It, a mainstay on the road for half a century, closed in January.

"Sadly we've seen a couple of our long-time businesses leave the street but we've seen a lot of movement, a lot of relocation on the street, showing a confidence and desire to be in

this area," said Juanita Spencer, executive director of the Spring Garden Area Business Association.

Two shops have just opened in the past few weeks on the street.

Women's active wear store Lole Halifax, opened in early November between Jennifer's of Nova Scotia and Foreign Affair. "They are still setting up a little bit, but they are open so it's fantastic," Spencer said.

Another newbie to the street is the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. Marla and Jamie Hall owned the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in the Halifax Shopping Centre for a decade before they closed it in August.

"We wanted to be part of the downtown community and we know Spring Garden Road is starting to revive and there's a lot of new construction down here," said Marla Hall.

"We felt our store needed a



**It's a dynamic
street and we want
it to be that way.**

Juanita Spencer

street front and it was the best choice. It's the road to be on."

Back in the day, Spring Garden Road was littered with little independent shops. But over the years big international chains like Lululemon Athletica and American Apparel have taken note of the heavy pedestrian traffic and set up shop, changing the flavour of the street.

"It is difficult for an independent to be on Spring Garden," Spencer said. "The high taxes and high rents makes it difficult for an independent to do business but retail is very dynamic and it changes all the time, and it's exciting to see."

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And Shopping Under the Stars is the best way to jump start holiday shopping. It's two Friday nights (Nov. 20 and Dec. 4) of deals, fun contests and Silver Bells-style shopping.

But with dozens of Spring Garden Area shops participating, shoppers are going to need a strategy.

Shopping experts suggest starting out on a full stomach, so go for dinner first. Brenton Grill and Wine Bar is offering one free appetizer and one dessert when you order two main courses on both nights.

Then hit the streets with a hot cup of tea in your hand.



Shopping Under the Stars is better with proper planning beforehand. SHUTTERSTOCK

David's Tea will have free tea samples and special sales for the event.

Or go for a hot chocolate while picking out holiday cards at Duly Noted Stationary.

They're giving out hot chocolate and free postcards, and

have contests running both nights.

Something even sweeter? Humani-T Cafe will have a buy-one-get-one gelato special.

Belly full, body warm, it's time to warm the heart and heat up the holiday spirit.

+ WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Usually when the kids come along on a shopping marathon it's stressful, but not Shopping Under the Stars. Besides Santa and the wandering carollers, there are lights and decorations

to dazzle them, plus many shops have fun contests the kids will love.

If all else fails, many shops are handing out plenty of free treats to keep the little ones happy all night.

part to keep shoppers warm: on Nov. 20 they'll be handing out cookies and cider.

Half way through, shoppers are going to need a break. All the excitement over the deals and contests plus meeting Santa and singing along with the carollers takes its toll. Massage experts are giving free chair massages, plus 15 per cent off coupons and prize draws.

You know that person who is ridiculously hard to buy for? Two words: gift cards. Buy a gift card RockBottom Brew Pub and get another card worth 20 per cent of the first one.

At Shanti Hot Yoga, get and extra 15 per cent added onto a gift card.

Now, with most of the list

checked off, it's time to reward yourself. On Nov. 20, buy a chocolate/caramel apple and get a free red candy apple at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. Or on Dec. 4, spend at least \$50 on boxed chocolate and get a free three ounce peak box.

Oh, before you leave, don't forget about that fuzzy creature waiting for you at home. Both nights the first 100 customers into Pet Valu will receive a free dog or cat bag full of treats, samples, and more.

With about 40 businesses participating, there's too many sweet deals and contests to mention, except to say many, many of them are offering tax-free sales.

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Also this month save up to 25 per cent off when you purchase a Redken For Men Holiday Duo and receive a free bow tie!

Manager Kim Reilly said Shopping Under the Stars is a wonderful time of year.

"We are able to see our clients reconnect with their neighbours and friends as the evening brings people to the downtown area," she said. "There is a feeling of sharing and holiday cheer."

Vitality is also gearing up for their Holiday Magic event on Thursday Nov. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be 20 per cent off all retail products, and when you spend \$100,



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you'll receive a \$15 voucher for service.

Plus, check out the blow-out table with deals 40, 50 and 60 per cent off. There will be many other deals to check out, so make sure to mark this fantastic sale on your calendar.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD

Development rings in season

The whirr of machinery and the smack of hammers are sounds not limited to the Barrington/Argyle Streets section of downtown.

There are plenty of developments in the Spring Garden Road area.

Richard Harvey, major projects planner for HRM, said most of them are a mix of retail/commercial and residential.

"They're largely ground-floor commercial, sometimes a couple floors of commercial,

and then the upper floors of residential. So there's a real residential trend within this particular area," he said.

Residential development is not new to the downtown, but Harvey said lately there seems to be a renewed sense, an extra emphasis, on the residential component.

Six proposed developments are now working their way through the municipality's review process which includes analysis, committee presenta-

tions and public consultations.

That's quite a few for the Spring Garden Road area. Harvey said it's just a product of the many construction projects and proposals in the past five or six years spread throughout the downtown.

Harvey said residential developments planned for areas where they are rare don't drum up a lot of concern, unlike established living areas like Spring Garden Road.

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The Halifax Central Library on Spring Garden Road turns one next month. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stores hope library books more shoppers

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Businesses want to see more traffic from facility

Jennifer Taplin

It's a really big — and asymmetrical — baby. The Halifax Central Library is turning one Dec. 13, and just like an infant, it's first year has been full of ups and downs.

When the old library closed its doors, it recorded about 400,000 visits a year. The goal for the new, five-storey library at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street, was 900,000. But they blew that out of the water.

With 4,000 to 6,000 a day, it will be close to two million by

the end of the year, said Asa Kachan, chief librarian and CEO of Halifax Public Libraries.

"It tells me what we built and the services we're providing and the programming that's ongoing, that resonates with people."

It's been exciting for Kachan to see people who haven't been to a library in decades become regular patrons. She added it's moving to see the relationship between the community and the library unfold.

"The more people we draw in and the more relevant we are to our community, the better it is for all of us," she said. "I think it's that expansion of our purpose for our community that has been really exciting."

The first year of a massive, high-tech project is not without its hiccups. There were engineering issues with the automated book drop and the tall doors not latching properly, plus parking went through

+ THE BUMP

The new library brings a lot of traffic, but not necessarily a bump in business for nearby shops.

Kurt Bulger, co-owner of Jennifer's of Nova Scotia, said he thinks the library is a bit too much of a destination.

"People go there, they wander around, get some books and sit down at some of the tables or the coffee shops. They have no reason to leave the library," he said.

It is a wonderful addition to the street, he added, and it draws people downtown, even if it is just to look for parking.

several changes.

"Overall, for a building and a project of this size, it's been pretty trouble-free."

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Halifax Mooseheads hockey games

Scotiabank Centre
The Mooseheads have one more home game Nov. 24 vs Cape Breton. Game start at 7 p.m. and tickets cost between \$10 and \$24. Tickets and more information at halifaxmooseheads.ca.

Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café

Scotiabank Centre
Take in a live version of McLean's ever-popular CBC radio show. Starts at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20. Tickets cost \$35 to \$55.

Victorian Christmas

Citadel Hill
Head downtown for Victorian Christmas on Nov. 21 and 22, from noon to 4 p.m. It's free with a donation to Feed Nova Scotia.

Portia White Gala Concert

This night of music on Friday, Nov. 27 features the Dalhousie Health Professions Chorale, the Vocal Chords and Testosterone student ensembles and the Sackville Concert Band, with guest artist Erin Sparks, a three-time Nova Scotia Talent Trust Portia White Award recipient. Check it out at Faith Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, visit tiny.cc/Portia2015.

The Halifax Harmonizers Barbershop chorus

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music. On Nov. 28 at 7:00 p.m. along with their 40-man chorus there will be performances by the HRSB East Elementary Voices youth choir, four quartets: September Sound, Quad-rangle, Just for fun and Casual Tide and other musical guests. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or at halifax-harmonizers.ca.



Halifax Mooseheads hockey games

Scotiabank Centre
The Herd play seven home

games in December: Dec. 4 vs Rouyn-Noranda; Dec. 5 vs Val-d'Or; Dec. 11 vs Saint John (all 7 p.m. starts). On Dec. 13, it's a 3 p.m. start against Drummondville. The last two games are 7 p.m. on Dec. 28 against Moncton and 6 p.m. Dec. 31 against Cape Breton. Tickets cost between \$10 and \$24.

Scapegoat: Free public talk on Halifax Explosion

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
At 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1, author Joel Zemel looks at the only person to face criminal litigation after the disaster: F. Evan Wyatt.

Halifax Explosion Memorial Service

Fort Needham Memorial Park
The free annual memorial service starts at 8:50 a.m. and goes until 9:20 a.m. at the bell tower.

Aftershock: Free public talk on Halifax Explosion

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
At 7 p.m. on Dec. 8, author Janet Maybee looks at the rush to pin the blame on pilot Francis Mackey.

Christkindlemarket

Alderney Landing
Dartmouth holds its Christkindlemarket from Dec. 4 to Dec. 6 with the German Christmas Market at Alderney Landing. Free entrance to buy crafts, presents, and enjoy carousel rides, marionette shows and more.

Christmas Festival of Trees and Crafts

Musquodoboit Valley Education Centre
Head out of town to Musquodoboit on Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the tree lighting

with music. You can also stroll through beautifully decorated Christmas trees to buy crafts from 80 vendors. It's also open on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To get in, bring \$2 per person and a donation for the food bank. Details at christmasfestivalofcrafts.wordpress.com.

The Tupper Band's Christmas Concert

Saint Matthew's United Church
On Dec. 16, The Dalhousie Medical School Tupper Band is joined by the Dalhousie Health Professions Chorale, conducted by Bryan Crocker, in celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and the onset of winter in music and song in their annual end-of-year concert. Admission is by donation.

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NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Site is entirely turned over to holiday celebrations

Jon Tattrie

Celebrate Christmas like our ancestors did this year with a free trip to Citadel Hill's Victorian Christmas.

Hal Thompson, product development officer at the fort, says the entire site will be turned over to Christmas. The usual admission fee is waived in favour of a donation to Feed Nova Scotia.

"We take most of the exhibits we have on site and we give them a Christmas flavour. We tell the story of how Christmas was celebrated in the Victorian

era, primarily from a military perspective," he says.

This year, they're stretching the "Victorian" Christmas into Georgian times to incorporate their First World War exhibition.

Visitors will learn how soldiers celebrated Christmas during the Great War. If you've got a mysterious family heirloom from the war, bring it along and experts will help you learn more about it.

Citadel Hill's trench exhibit will deck its halls to show that even on the brutal frontlines, the soldiers still found a way to honour the Christian holiday. You can walk right into the life-size trench.

"We also have a 'Victorian photo booth'. It's actually a modern photo booth, but it's a green-screen offering where people can have a Christmas card made and put themselves in an iconic scene of the Victorian Christmas tradition,"

Thompson says.

They're even providing period costumes.

The barracks will be seat up for a festive feast. Another area will have supplies so you can make your own Christmas card and write a letter to Father Christmas, who will be on site. There will also be supplies to make Victorian Christmas cards.

"It's a big family event," Thompson says.

If you aren't bahubugging yet, catch an original 15-minute Christmas play based on the Christmas carol, watch a narrated magical lantern show, or enjoy live carol singing.

Most of the events are inside, but any chills you catch can be offset with hot cider, cookies and lemonade.

Thompson says you could easily spend two to three hours on site.

The Victorian Christmas runs from noon to 4 p.m. on Nov. 21 and 22.



Celebrate the season at the Citadel • DESTINATION HALIFAX

Author looks at legal aftermath of Halifax explosion

Joel Zemel's fascination with the Halifax Explosion started with a photograph. He came across an image of the explosion that most people said was shot from the outside of the harbour, looking into the city.

"But I knew it was shot from Bedford Basin, just by the layout of the land," he says.

He set out to prove it, and 18 months later had made a comprehensive case. He started a website and began reading everything he could about the December 1917 disaster. As he learned, he sensed a stitch up of the navy's chief examining officer for the port, Commander F. Evan Wyatt.

"He was the only person that was brought to trial on charges of manslaughter and criminal negligence," Zemel says. "I felt that Wyatt was the scapegoat."

His research turned into a book called *Scapegoat: The Extraordinary Legal Proceedings Following the 1917 Halifax Explosion*. Zemel self-published the densely footnoted book, won two big awards with it, and landed a



Joel Zemel's fascination began with a photograph. CONTRIBUTED

publishing deal with New World Publishing.

On Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m., he'll give a free public talk at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic about how the persecution of Wyatt ruined his life, despite being cleared of the charges. He and his wife had to move from Halifax to escape the stigma.

"He was a member of the social elite here, but there was nothing they could do to help

him," Zemel says. "He was acquitted of the charges, but he was never exonerated. My whole thing was to try and exonerate him."

Stop by to hear the case for Commander F. Evan Wyatt. Zemel will bring rare photos of the man and give you enough background on the explosion so you'll understand what was happening in Halifax that dark winter. **JON TATTRIE**

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Skaters take Halifax for nationals

JANUARY HIGHLIGHT

Top Canadians compete at the Scotiabank Centre

Jon Tatttrie

More than 250 of Canada's top skaters will descend on the Scotiabank Centre this January for the National Skating Championships.

Running Jan. 18 to 24, the event will showcase the country's best in men's, women's, pair, and ice dance disciplines, competing in three levels: senior, junior, and novice.

It's the fourth time Halifax has hosted the championships – the last time was in 2007.

"The city of Halifax is the site of so many memorable moments in skating history. We've seen cham-

pions crowned here on both national and world stages. We're excited to bring the 2016 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships back to Halifax and create more unforgettable skating moments," said Dan Thompson, Skate Canada CEO.

"This event is the pinnacle of the Canadian skating calendar and we know the support from the fans, volunteers, and the rest of the city will be a catalyst for an incredible competition."

Some of the big names are the 2015 world pair champions Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford. The duo are after their fifth Canadian title. Reigning Canadian men's champion Nam Nguyen goes head to head with three-time world champ Patrick Chan.

For the ice dance section, you'll see two-time world medal winners Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje. In the women's events, Gabrielle

Daleman looks to defend her 2015 title against two-time Canadian champ Kaetlun Osmond.

"We are very excited to welcome fans, coaches and," said Scott Ferguson, president of Trade Centre Limited, the Crown corporation that manages the Scotiabank Centre. "Scotiabank Centre has a rich history of attracting world-class skating events and we're proud to continue delivering a diverse lineup of events for Nova Scotians to enjoy."

In addition to the national championships, skaters will also be after a spot on Canada's team at the 2016 World Figure Skating Championships and the World Junior Figure Skating Championships.

All-event tickets for the full week cost \$125 to \$175. You can get your tickets at www.ticketatlantic.com, by phone at 1-877-451-1221, or in person at the Scotiabank Centre box office.



Patrick Chan. CONTRIBUTED

Event listings for January and February



Open Waters New Music Festival

Dalhousie Arts Centre
On Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m., Symphony Nova Scotia puts on a night of cross-genre musical exploration with tastes of jazz, classical and new works. Tickets cost \$30.

Craft Beer and Local Food Celebration

The Halifax Club
From 7 p.m. on Jan. 14, Local Connections Halifax hosts an evening of sampling local food and drinks. The evening sold out last year, so they've doubled the size for 2016. But the tickets are half-gone already, so buy ahead.

Dan Mangan with Symphony Nova Scotia

Dalhousie Arts Centre
Juno-winning Dan Mangan brings his "sprawling orchestrations" to Halifax with shows on Jan. 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$30.

The Arkells

Halifax Forum
On Jan. 23, the popular Arkells bring their music to the Forum for an 8 p.m. show. Tickets go from \$29.99 to \$88.49. You must

be 19 or older.

The National Skating Championships

Scotiabank Centre
From Jan. 18 to 24, 250 skaters compete in the event. All-event tickets range from \$142 to \$192.

Decadence: Savour's Chocolate, Wine and Cheese

World Trade and Convention Centre
Indulge yourself in expertly paired cheese, chocolates and wines, as prepared by culinary students of the Nova Scotia Community College. Starts at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28. Tickets cost \$50. You must be 19 or older. Ticket cost \$80.

The Halifax Mooseheads

Scotiabank Centre
The Mooseheads play several home games in January: Jan. 5 vs. Charlottetown; Jan. 8 vs. Rimouski; Jan. 9 vs. Gatineau; Jan. 12 vs. Acadie-Barhuurst; Jan. 14 vs. Quebec. All those games start at 7 p.m. On Jan. 31, it's a 3 p.m. start vs Cape Breton. Tickets cost between \$10 and \$24.

Bowling and Casino Day

Spryfield Bowlarama
Come out for a day of fun with the Maritime Food Association on Jan. 29. Lunch and dinner is provided, along with prizes and refreshments. Each participant is guaranteed two strings of bowling, and Black Jack tables will be set up for charity. For more info, contact Garth Tait at 902-481-

6085 or email maritimefood@gmail.com


Feeling the Love

The Westin Nova Scotia
Celebrate Valentine's Day early on Feb. 13 with a lovely live show from the Mellotones and Sasha Muise with the Double Sharps. Dining, dancing and drinks. The dance costs \$50 and starts at 8:30 p.m.; the full dinner and dance star at 6:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$150.

Blue Rodeo

Scotiabank Centre
On Feb. 24, Blue Rodeo, one of Canada's most popular bands, puts on a live show with opening act the Strumbellas. Tickets cost from \$55 to \$69.

Halifax Mooseheads

Scotiabank Centre
The Halifax Mooseheads play five home games in February: Feb. 4 vs. Shawinigan; Feb. 6 vs. Charlottetown; Feb. 20 vs. Charlottetown; Feb. 21 vs. Sherbrooke (3 p.m. start); Feb. 27 vs Saint John. Unless otherwise noted, all games start at 7 p.m. Tickets cost between \$10 and \$24.

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City Natives push positive messages

LIVE MUSIC

Hip Hop foursome keep growing their fan base

Jon Tatttrie

When four East Coast friends collaborated to form City Natives, they had a clear goal: win an East Coast Music Award.

Brandon Arnold (IllFundz) says they knew each other individually, but liked their chances better together. "Me and Beatz [Shelby Sappier] worked together — we're from the same reserve — and we knew the other guys," he says. "We've always been making music together, even before City Natives started. We just didn't have a name for it."

Arnold and Sappier come from Tobique First Nations, while Blake Francis (BnE) comes from Eel Ground and Earl Francis comes from Eskasoni.

Arnold says it's easy to adjust to each other's styles, as they come from similar places with



After doing maybe 10 shows a year, City Natives are up to 50 shows in 30 cities, turning their passion into a full-time job. CONTRIBUTED

similar values. Half the band is Maliseet and half Mi'kmaq, but the cousin cultures use similar languages. "I look at them the same way I look at my Maliseet friends on my reserve," he says.

City Natives push out an energetic, positive message, and it's bringing rewards.

"We know what you say means something. If you're going to rap about negative stuff,

chances are your life is going to be pretty negative in the long run. If you say positive things, a little while later you start living the stuff you're rapping about," Arnold says. "We started rapping

about success — but we weren't successful doing it. The more we started seeing it,"

That success took in six awards over the last few years, including

two ECMAs and two Indigenous Music Awards. They've also toured with Bone Thugs-N-Harmony and Raekwon of Wu-Tang Clan.

"Raekwon, we grew up on his music. Bone Thugs, it's the same thing," Arnold says. "We work pretty hard to get our name known outside of the reserve. We've got love for our people — but we want to be known world-wide."

After doing maybe 10 shows a year, they're up to 50 shows in 30 cities and have turned their passion into a full-time job. City Natives have three albums done so far — Voltron, Red City and 4 Kingz — and want to keep growing their fan base to take it to the next level.

With two ECMAs in hand, they've got their eyes on the national stage offered by the Junos. Arnold says they win fans every show.

"There's people who don't know us who are losing their minds when they find out who we are and what we can do," he says. "We want to be successful. We want to make a living with this. For now, we're just going with the flow and enjoying the time. We know we'll get there."

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Feeling the Love: dinner and dancing

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHT

The Mellotones headline the exclusive dance party

If you're looking for love mid-February, check out Feeling the Love Dinner and Dance Party at the Westin Nova Scotia.

The "most exclusive" Feb. 13 show features food, dinner and dancing. Headlining it will be the Mellotones, Halifax's popular eight-piece band, known for sweaty late-night shows and lighting up festivals.

"Expect a good dance party. We're going to play lots of love songs," promises lead singer Jeff Mosher, who doubles up on saxophone.

"We're going to draw on the 70s catalogue — R 'n' B, funk and soul. Marvin Gaye, Otis Redding, James Brown, the Commodores."

And to ease you into Sunday morning, Mosher will put his spin on the Commodore's classic Easy.

While the Mellotones liven up the Westin's Heart Beats



The Mellotones, Halifax's popular eight-piece band. CONTRIBUTED

Ballroom, you'll find a quieter scene at the Westin's Club Sophistic. Sasha Muise and the Double Sharps will play sultry jazz over cool cocktails.

Tickets to the dance alone cost \$50 and the doors open at 8:30 p.m.; dinner and a dance will set you back \$150 and starts at 6:30 p.m.

Mosher says the night caters to couples and groups of friends looking for a fun night out. "There's going to be a lot of people coming with their friends — it's not just date night. It's not geared just for couples, but for groups of

friends [too]."

The Mellotones have been together for ten years and spent part of the summer crossing Canada with Matt Anderson. In April, all eight members flew to Holland to join Anderson for a European show.

If you can't wait for February, the Mellotones will join Anderson to ring in the New Year at Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Room from 10:15 p.m. on Dec. 31. You can also catch them at Bearly's House of Blues and Ribs on Thursday nights in November and December.

JON TATTTRIE

Herd's Fortier eager to please his home crowd

HOCKEY

Team QMJHL takes on Russia in final game of junior series



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Halifax Mooseheads forward Maxime Fortier hopes he can help work some offensive magic for Team QMJHL in Thursday night's game against Team Russia, especially since he'll be playing in his home arena in front of familiar fans.

The puck drops at 8 p.m. inside the Scotiabank Centre, for the sixth and final game of the 2015 CHL Canada Russia Series.

"When I knew that the second game was here, I was really happy to play in front of our great fans," the 17-year-old Lachine, Que., native said Wednesday evening, before stepping onto Scotiabank Centre ice for Team QMJHL practice.

"It's going to be an awesome experience," the fast-footed, five-foot-10, 176-pound, second-year Mooseheads player said.

Team Russia, comprised of

the country's top junior players, got their first skate on the Halifax ice surface earlier Wednesday afternoon, no doubt strategizing its plan to cap off the series with two straight victories.

The Russians edged QMJHL 3-2 in the first of two matchups Tuesday night in Rouyn-Noranda, Que., marking the only game lost by Canadian Hockey League all-star teams so far this series.

Team WHL won 7-3 at the series opener Nov. 9 in Kelowna, B.C., and beat Russia 4-2 in Game 2 on Nov. 10 in Kamloops, B.C.

Team OHL shut out Russia 3-0 on Nov. 12 in Owen Sound, Ont., and edged them 2-1 on Nov. 16 in Windsor, Ont.

The CHL currently leads 4-1, with the outcome of Thursday's game in Halifax determining whether Canadians will skate away celebrating dominance — or somewhat disappoint-

ed — in this year's series that continues the tradition of heated Canadian-Russian rivalry on the ice.

"I'm an energy guy," Fortier said of what he can bring to the game, whether it's while wearing the green and red of the Mooseheads, or the black, red and white of Team QMJHL.

"My speed, I think, is my biggest asset, and I think I just work on hard on the ice, and give everything I have."

It's a big year for Fortier. Not only is he the only Herd member lacing up with Team QMJHL this season, but he's also eligible for the 2016 NHL Entry Draft.

"If you think too much about that, your game's not going to be good," Fortier said. "I'm trying to focus on what I need to do on the ice."

Moving from unsure rookie with a few major junior games behind him to start last season, to a relied-upon Mooseheads veteran this season, Fortier has upped his game on and off the ice.

He has tallied 12 goals and 15 assists for 27 points in 25 games so far this season, and has a current QMJHL career record of 21 goals and 37 assists for 58 points in 91 regular-season games.

"It's a big honour to be named with those great players in the league. I'm very lucky to be playing with them and looking forward to playing here."

Maxime Fortier

"We have a young group of guys, and on the ice I had to step up offensively," Fortier said. "We lost some good guys like (Philippe) Gadoury and (Nikolaj) Ehlers so, I tried to step up my game."

As for his short-term teammates on the QMJHL squad, normally Fortier is facing off against them, not playing on lines with them.

"On the ice when I wear the Mooseheads jersey, they're not my friends," he said with a chuckle, "but right now they're really nice."

His QMJHL teammates include goaltender Mason McDonald of Halifax, a Calgary Flames prospect currently playing for the Charlottetown Islanders. He'll likely be taking the crease Thursday to play in front of his hometown crowd.

From their own QMJHL net to Russia's net, Fortier believes it will be "just little details that make us successful."

"We're all skilled players and we need to work together to win the game," he said.

+ BACKGROUND

Ducharme: Leading Q-league team 'an honour'

There's another Halifax Mooseheads member representing the green and red on Team QMJHL. Bench boss Dominique Ducharme has also been serving as head coach of the Q-league squad, which he calls "an honour."

"It's even more special to be doing it here at home, in front of our fans," Ducharme said Wednesday.

"It's a great opportunity and a great feeling."

Ducharme isn't a stranger to coaching at such high levels, also serving as assistant coach for the CHL Canada Russia a couple of seasons ago, and is in the



Dominique Ducharme
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Hockey Canada pool of coaches as well. Ducharme said "it's great" to see Maxime Fortier crack the QMJHL

roster, as the only Mooseheads player to make the cut this season.

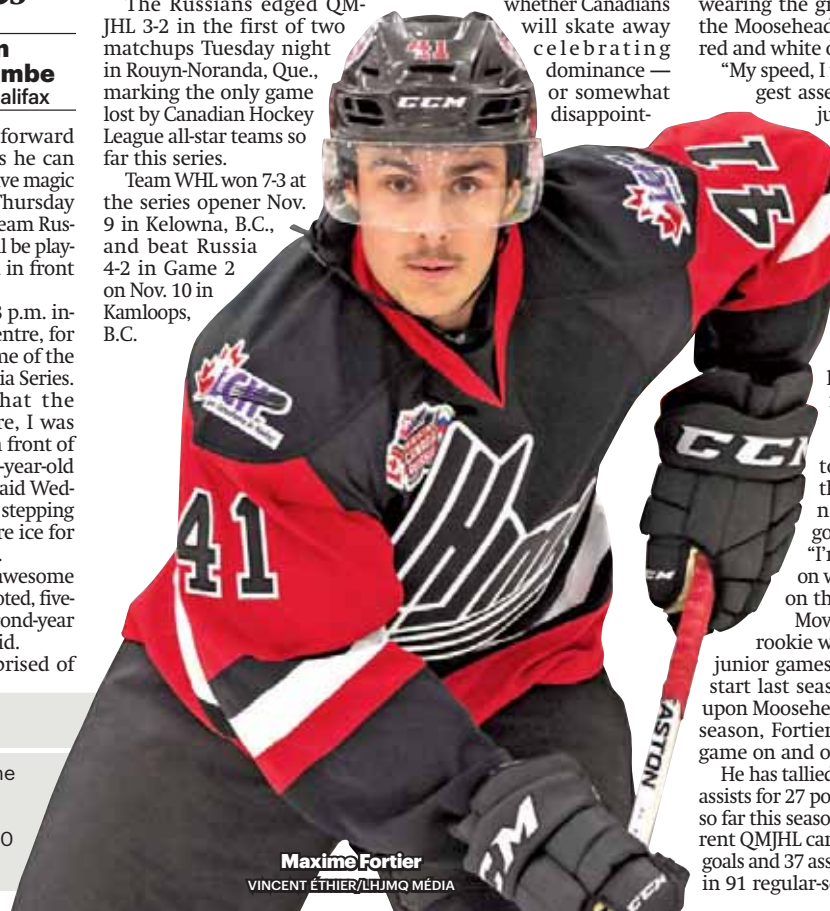
"He has a good start to the year, and he's getting rewarded with being here," he said. "It's a good feeling to have him here," he said, adding the annual six-game series provides "a great opportunity" for players such as Fortier to be checked out by scouts at various levels.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Mooseheads are now on the road, for games against the Chicoutimi Saguenéens on Friday and Baie-Comeau Drakkar on Saturday.

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Maxime Fortier
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MLB

Keuchel, Arrieta awarded Cy Youngs

Houston Astros lefty Dallas Keuchel beat out Toronto Blue Jays ace David Price for the AL Cy Young Award on Wednesday, while Jake Arrieta of the Chicago Cubs topped Dodgers stars Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw for the NL honour.

Keuchel got 22 first-place votes from the Baseball Writers' Association of America

for 186 points. David Price drew eight first-place votes and 143 points for his split season with Detroit and Toronto and Oakland's Sonny Gray finished third.

Keuchel led the AL in wins, going 20-8 and helping Houston reach the playoffs for the first time since 2005. The bearded 27-year-old with a dominant

sinker and sharp slider had a 2.48 ERA and 216 strikeouts.

Price, who was traded from Detroit to Toronto late in July, went 18-5 with a 2.45 ERA and 225 strikeouts.

In what was expected to be a tighter three-person race, Arrieta got 17 first-place votes for 169 points. Greinke drew 10 first-place votes and had 147

points. Kershaw had the other three firsts and 101 points.

Arrieta led the majors in wins, going 22-6. He went 11-0 in his last 12 starts, pushing the Cubs into the playoffs for the first time since 2008. The 29-year-old righty had a 1.77 ERA, struck out 236 and pitched a no-hitter.

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Dallas Keuchel was the only pitcher to reach 20 wins in the American League this past season. RALPH FRESO/GETTY IMAGES

Crosby, MacKinnon are trading places

NHL

Roles reversed for N.S. pair in scoring charts this season

As usual, there's a player from Cole Harbour, N.S., among the NHL leaders in scoring. This time, it's not Sidney Crosby.

Nathan MacKinnon is off to the best start of his young career and has the upper hand in the Cole Harbour scoring race.

With eight goals and 12 assists, MacKinnon's 20 points are good for fourth in the league, while Crosby is tied for 155th with nine points on two goals and seven assists.

"We'll see how it finishes," MacKinnon said Tuesday in Toronto. "I'm sure Sid's going to get pretty hot here. Hopefully not against us next game. I hope he gets more points than me this year. He deserves it. We'll see, I guess, at the end of the season."

Colorado Avalanche visits the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday night as MacKinnon and Crosby face off for the fourth time. Crosby is a two-time Hart Trophy winner as league MVP and is considered one of the best in the game, yet it's MacKinnon's bounce-back from a sophomore slump that stands out.

MacKinnon is already more than halfway to his point total from last season, something he partially credits to the puck finding him more and



The Avalanche's Nathan MacKinnon, left, and Penguins' Sidney Crosby, both from Cole Harbour N.S., appear to be heading in different directions right now. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

getting luckier with it. But that's not all. "I'm a little more even-

20

Number of points Nathan MacKinnon has this season, placing him 4th in the league.

keeled than I once was," the 20-year-old said, sounding like a grizzled veteran. "My first couple seasons was like a roller coaster. This year just feels a little bit more steady."

Colorado coach Patrick Roy has noticed not only a more mature approach from MacKinnon but increased confidence. He put

MacKinnon at centre on a line with Canadian Olympian Matt Duchene, and the result has been filling a need for speed.

"They're fast," Roy said. "They're a fast duo, and they're certainly tough to play against."

MacKinnon is one of the fastest skaters in hockey and a player whose situational speed can create offence. But

after winning the Calder Trophy as the rookie of the year with 63 points in 2013-14, he had just 38 last season.

Roy said a rough start last year didn't help the young player's confidence. MacKinnon says he has some perspective now.

"I know how long the season is," MacKinnon said. "It's a long 82 games, it's a grind. So if you have a tough couple games, there's plenty ahead."

Duchene and MacKinnon's chemistry is improving along the way. "He's battling hard, he's working hard," Duchene said. "He's just very tenacious. I think last year (he was) maybe over-thinking a little bit. He's playing great. He's been great all year."

MacKinnon will be a restricted free agent this summer if the Avalanche don't sign him to an extension by then.

"It's human nature: You don't have a contract next season, you think about it a little bit," MacKinnon said. "But not too much thought has gone into that." MacKinnon would prefer a long-term contract to a shorter, so-called "bridge" deal that would see him back in talks with Colorado sooner rather than later.

"I want to be here for a long time," he said. "Most of the other guys that have signed have signed long-term, so I'm sure they'll want to do the same thing with me."

"I love playing here, I love the city and the organization, everything like that," MacKinnon added.

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155th

Sidney Crosby's current position in the NHL scoring charts with nine points.

Three's a crowd-pleaser for new all-star game

Anyone watching the NHL all-star game in recent years knew it was broken, so the league and players are trying something different to fix it.

A three-on-three tournament featuring teams from the four divisions will replace the traditional game at the 2016 NHL all-star weekend in Nashville in late January. The official announcement of the new format is coming Wednesday night.

The change, which required approval from players, drew positive reviews around the league based largely on how unpopular the old format was.

"I just think the all-star game's fantastic for those who attend it," Toronto Maple Leafs coach



Many fans feel like the all-star game, seen here in January of this year, is losing its excitement. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

Mike Babcock said. "As far as being a spectator sport on TV, it sure hasn't been that."

The goal is to infuse something into the all-star game, with-

out going to the lengths that Major League Baseball has. The MLB all-star game decides home-field advantage in the World Series.

That's an extreme, but Maple

Leafs Players' Association representative Daniel Winnik said the consensus was that the game "got a little stale and wasn't very entertaining."

"It was pretty much just pond hockey with guys that didn't care too much," Winnik said. "I think this'll bring more excitement with the three-on-three."

All-star teams from the Atlantic and Metropolitan Divisions and the Central and Pacific Divisions will play 20 minutes of three-on-three with the Eastern and Western Conference champions facing off after. The 11 players on the winning team will split US\$1 million, so just over \$90,900 apiece.

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RUGGLES, Joan C. (nee McGrath)

of Cole Harbour - Passed away on November 16th, 2015 at the Dartmouth General Hospital. She is predeceased by her husband, Charles Benjamin. Joan is survived by her son, Paul (Lynn); daughter Bev Hudson (Hal); grandsons, Mike, Tom, Matthew, Jonathan, Stephen, Christopher and sisters, Carol Bernard and Audrey Allen. Service will be November 21st, at 1:00pm at Saint John XXIII Parish, 35 Colby Drive, Cole Harbour. Family flowers only. If you wish, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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WEATHERBY, David



age 92, Dartmouth, passed away peacefully Tuesday November 17, 2015 in the Camp Hill Veteran's Memorial Hospital. Born in Truro on May 15, 1923, he was the son of the late Clarence Weatherby and Dorothy (Kaulback).

David was a Veteran of World War II, serving three years in the Navy. After the Navy David worked for Canada Post for 27 years before retirement. Dave enjoyed bowling and started an "over 90" bowling league. He liked to play cards and was an avid crossword fan.

Dave is survived by sons Dennis (Linda), Albert Bridge, Brian (Shelley), Dartmouth and Derrick (Melvina), Lake Echo. Daughter-in-law Pat, 4 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild also survive him, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was pre-deceased by his loving wife of 54 years, Eileen, son Ronald and Sister Sophie.

Visitation will be held on Thursday Nov 19, 2015 from 2-4, 7-9 pm and a Funeral Service will be held on Friday Nov 20, 2015 at 10 am all to be held at Atlantic Funeral Homes, 771 Main Street Dartmouth. In lieu of flowers the family would like donations in David's memory to be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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 - 1 Tbsp rosemary, minced
 - 1 x 19 oz canned whole tomatoes
 - 1 x 15 oz canned cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
 - Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Pour oil into a large Dutch oven or pot over medium heat. Slice the chicken thighs into about four pieces each and season them with a good pinch of salt and pepper. Working in batches, brown the meat. Don't worry about cooking it through. When the meat is brown, set it aside on a clean plate, drain off all but 2 Tbsp of fat.
2. Reduce heat slightly and toss in mushrooms. Once they've cooked down, about three minutes, add the garlic and rosemary and sauté for another minute.
3. Now add your tomatoes and beans. Use the back of a wooden spoon to break up the tomatoes. Add the cooked chicken pieces and allow everything to simmer for about 15 or 20 minutes. Taste to check seasoning and add salt and pepper to taste.

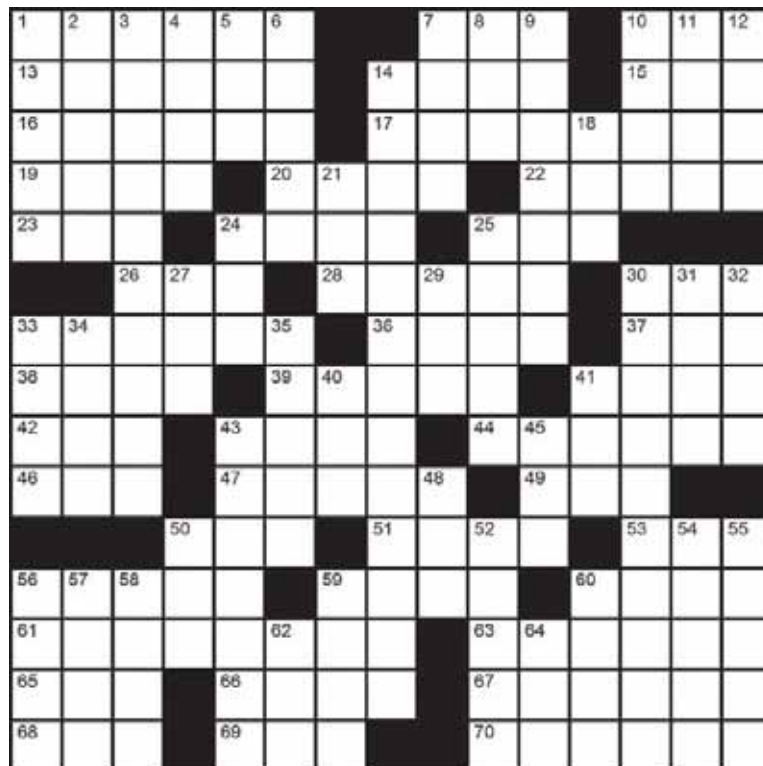
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10. Utah's capital [acronym]
13. Wife of Alexander the Great
14. Throw ___ loop
15. Optima car maker
16. Chicago or L.A., e.g.: 2 wds.
17. Standing ___ (One of the tests in #43-Down)
19. 'Game' suffix
20. Garden of ___
22. "___ Touch This" by MC Hammer
23. Mr. Mineo
24. ___ (British glam band)
25. Chart-topper
26. Ms. Thompson
28. Bee Gees' "Night ___"
30. "Murder, ___ Wrote"
33. Boll ___ (Type of beetle)
36. ___ of reality
37. Perfect rating
38. Ms. Hathaway
39. Singer, Faith ___
41. Desert's weather
42. 700 to Caesar
43. Impartial
44. Cowboy flicks
46. "Aaah!!!" (Cartoon shriek)
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- Caesar's boast)
49. Bitty
50. Utmost, numbers-wise
51. Pull along
53. Trail
56. French ___ soup
59. Ancient region of Europe
60. Identical
61. Joined up:

- 2 wds.
63. Three-horsed Russian carriage
65. Luanda is its cap.
66. Smelting waste
67. Apple variety
68. "Awesome!"
69. Rest in a recliner
70. Parthenon's

place

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1. Architectural framework
2. Landscape garden plant
3. Top badge in the program at #43-Down, Award of ___
4. Match
5. Chg. card percentage
6. Negative response giver, say
7. Satellite
8. Large vase
9. "Jerry ___" (1996)
10. Gull-like bird
11. Outline
12. Hook or Cook's li'l title

14. Another of the tests in #43-Down: 3 wds.
18. Railway crossing [abbr.]
21. ___ Leppard
24. Cocktail, Mai ___
25. "___ Fine" by The Chiffons
27. Lady at #20-Across
29. Maria Trapp connector
30. Savvy, like an urbanite
31. ___ to the throne
32. Remnants
33. Walk in shallow water
34. 'Refer' suffix
35. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host Robin
40. By
41. 'Deterior' suffix
43. Canada ___ Award (Program for students of the 1970s and 1980s testing speed, strength, endurance and agility)
45. Cobbler's tool
48. Perrier, par example
50. Oui's opposite
52. Prefix to 'violet'
54. Singer, Clay ___
55. Irksome insects
56. "___!" (American anthem opener)
57. Songstress Ms. Simone
58. Mr. Pop of punk
59. Rocky Mountains animal
60. "Nonsense!"
62. Gladiator's 551
64. Boring routine

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Aries March 21 - April 20
You may sympathize with a friend's problems but it is not your job to fix them. Sometimes it's better to let others find their own way — this is one of those times. Only step in if things really start to get bad.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It would be nice if you liked everyone and never got angry but you are not that kind of person, so if someone gets under your skin make a point of avoiding them.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It may seem as if you do not deserve the good things coming your way but it isn't true. That's why certain people are upset: deep down they know you are better than they are.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are not a trivial person so don't do or say trivial things. It may be tempting but why lower yourself? You don't need to come down to someone else's level to make a point: their own negative attitude is punishment enough.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Let others know what you're worth. Your talents do not come cheap. Some may say your price is too high but they still require your services.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The more you push yourself the less you are likely to achieve, so give yourself some breathing space. There are times it is hard to make an impression and this is one of them.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do something on the spur of the moment today — it will be fun. Everyone may not approve but you enjoy being different.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try not to get too emotional about something that you would usually dismiss. Also, don't be afraid to cut your losses if they are getting too big: the longer you hang on the bigger they are likely to get.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Let off some steam and don't worry if others object. They have only themselves to blame for leading you on and believing they could get away with it. You are not the type to let bad deeds go unpunished.

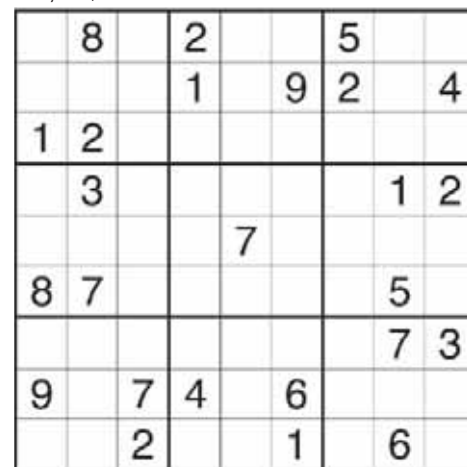
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Try not to take anything too seriously today. You are dealing with forces that are too big to control or change. Accept your current situation for what it is and go with the flow.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you let your feelings get the better of you today it will cause more than a few problems further down the line. Aim to put logic ahead of emotion.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The grass may look greener on the other side of the fence but you are advised not to make changes just yet. Wait until the Sun changes signs on the 22nd before making your move — you may find that you don't have to after all.

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